

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
January 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order in the Fellowship Hall at 12:14 PM by Scott Bosecker, Church Council President. Pastor Fritz Wiese offered the opening prayer.

The necessary quorum was 57. There were over 75 members in attendance in person and on Zoom. Voting requirements were reviewed as well as Roberts Rules of Order. The procedure for voting by video was explained.

Pastor Wiese shared highlights from his written report. He thanked the 3 outgoing Council members, Scott Bosecker, Carol Jensen-Linton, and Brad Harris, for their service on Council. He also recognized all of the Council members, staff, and volunteers at COSLC. April 14 will be a special Sunday as we celebrate Pastor Miriam Beecher's ministry at COSLC. It will be her final Sunday with us as our pastor. There is a protocol that dictates she steps away for a year. The congregation is asked to help with this transition.

The Annual Report for 2023 containing ministry reports has been made available to the congregation and highlights were shared from it. It was moved by John Musil and seconded by Brad Harris to accept the Annual Report along with the May 2023 Congregational Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Bunker, treasurer, reported on the first 6 months of our Fiscal Year 2023-2024. We are 2.4% below income budget and up 5% vs. prior year. Expenses are 10.1 % below budget due to savings in most categories with the largest being personnel (\$47.3K) and maintenance. Our net income is positive year-to-date. No capital gains on investment income have been taken year to date. Our balance Sheet is strong. Our giving has been uneven month by month. It would be beneficial if members would use online giving on a regular schedule.

The election of the new Church Council was held. It was moved by the Buddy Troy and seconded by Chip Beard to elect the following:

Brad McCumber – 3-year term

Ellen Pfundt – 3-year term

Katie Snyder – 3-year term

The motion carried unanimously.

The election of our delegates to the Synod Assembly was held. It was moved by Bill Grabill and seconded by Jo Bosecker for Miki and Don Stork to serve as our delegates. The motion carried unanimously.

COSLC has been blessed with the bequeath of Ron Bowman's home. Per his will, the proceeds of its sale are to be used for our Palmetto Road property. It was moved by Kevin Hawkins and seconded by Tom Rehak that the Church Council be authorized to do due diligence and if prudent, proceed with the acquisition and sale of the Bowman house and property. Discussion was held. The motion carried.

A presentation on our Sanctuary Renewal Project was conducted by Don Livingston, project manager. He will hold an Information Meeting on February 4 after the 11:00 service for people who would like

more detailed information. The project is called "Rejoice and Renew". The sanctuary will be refreshed. The project will begin April 15 and should last 12-16 weeks. During that time, all worship services will be held in Fellowship Hall. Our current pews will be auctioned off and Laura Hawkins is addressing this. Leslie Klein has taken all of the ideas from the Team of 20 and the architect to make choices of seating, flooring, and other aspects of the refresh. There will be 2 phases in this project. The first one includes the seating, flooring, sound area, new chancel platform, choir/music area, and the cross area. The seating and flooring have been ordered as it takes time for them to be secured. Phase 2 will happen in 2025 with the completion of the choir/music area and the narthex furniture. The total budget for this project is \$300,000. We already have \$110,000. We will need to raise \$190,000 to complete the project.

There was no new business.

Mission Endowment Annual Update

Minka Fulton, president, reported. The principal balance is \$67,871.00. The funds available for distribution in January 2024 is \$2159. The committee recommended that we give 40% in honor of Pastor Miriam and her ministry (\$863.74), 30% to Novus Way (\$647.81), and 30% to the Haitian Timoun Project (\$647.81).

It was moved by Sue Blackburn and seconded by Marty Hagberg to approve the 3 disbursements. The motion carried.

Minka Fulton's term has expired. It was moved by Scott Bosecker to elect Minka Fulton for a new term ending in 2026. It was seconded by Bill Grabill. Motion carried.

Pastor Beecher shared her personal reflections of this last year's activities and her upcoming retirement. She recognized our new staff members Larry Peterson, Ethan Miller and April Peterson, thanking them for wonderful work. Pastor Beecher closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Jensen-Linton