



Leading People into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, His followers, and His world

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Call to Order: 11:30 a.m.

Voters Assembly Meeting

Date: June 18, 2017

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION / OUTCOME
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	The meeting was opened by Pastor Mike with prayer.	
<b>Call to order</b>	Pam Barker presided at today's duly called Voters Assembly Meeting. It was established that quorum was present.	
<b>Minutes June 12, 2016</b>	Motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2016 Congregational Voters Meeting: Steve Dierker, Neil Barker 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Motion passed
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>Board of Directors Election</b>  <b>2017-18 Ministry Plan and Budget</b>	<p>Board accepted slate of candidates - Lisa DeYoung, Danielle Irwin, Judi Rock and Gail Vandeburgt. Congregation voted by ballot. We thank retiring Board members for their service: Pam Barker, Steve Dierker, and Elaine Adams.</p> <p>Pastor Mike presented the 2017-18 Ministry Plan and Budget. The general fund estimate for the coming year is \$643,500 based on analysis of general fund offering trends of the past several years. Since this estimate is \$76,500 less than last year's budgeted income, three main substantial reduction in expenses were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pastor Luis will go from full time to part time in his last year before retirement,</li> <li>2. The CNH District Offering is reduced from 10% of General Fund Offerings to 5%,</li> <li>3. Church Staff salaries are frozen.</li> </ol> <p>When offerings exceed budget, the plan is to apply the surplus in this way: 1. Restore the CNH District Offering to 10%, 2. Unfreeze Church Staff salaries, and 3. Replenish Church Operating Reserve.</p> <p>Stephen Ministries, a lay-led caregiving ministry, is being added to the Ministry Plan. It addresses the concerns of needing to increase member care and grow adult discipleship. Endowment funds previously earmarked for mission trips will be diverted for one year to fund Stephen Ministries.</p>	Lisa DeYoung, Danielle Irwin, Judi Rock and Gail Vandeburgt were elected to Board of Directors.

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	<p>Question and answer period followed regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endowment Fund and balance - \$1,021,000 as of March 2017.</li> <li>2. Review of Bylaws.- Motion for Board of Directors to review Bylaws. Cathy Enfield, Paul Bartelt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion followed.</li> <li>3. CNH District pledge reduction from 10% to 5% - Board can approve both since &lt; 5% of budget.</li> <li>4. Programs for Seniors – All ministries are open to Seniors; additionally we offer - Stephen Ministry coming soon, ongoing visits and communion to shut-ins.</li> <li>5. Mision De Jesus and Pastor Luis’ replacement plan - Working with District, Synod and Linc Bay Area.</li> <li>6. Motion made to conduct, and put in the Budget, an independent CPA audit. Cathy Enfield, Jay Adams 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unapproved, signed petition read. Contentious discussion followed. Mismanagement of funds was alleged. Pastor Mike denounced the statements made as false, “not of God” and reminded us of Paul’s words in 1 Cor 13 about a contentious tone. He explained Board’s decision not to pursue professional audit last year was because there were insufficient funds available.</li> <li>7. All giving, regardless of amount, is to be praised.</li> <li>8. Encourage support of Philip Bartelt, son of congregation, enrolling in seminary via Letters of encouragement, money and keeping in touch.</li> <li>9. As per Bylaws, “State of Church” is to be given at Voters Assembly Meeting.</li> <li>10. BOTR – Tim Kramer thanked the participants of BOTR. Explained project is largely under budget due to Hoag Husted, contractor. Board used BOTR surplus to continue work on sanctuary items in desperate need of repair (roof and lighting) and church’s share of chairs. He clarified BOTR funding: \$461K projected budget less \$275K Esther Strohl estate = \$186K projected designated offerings. \$154K actual operating reserves needed for BOTR, or \$32K under budget. \$25K still in operating reserves.</li> </ol> <p>Motion to Approve 2017-2018 Ministry Plan and Budget: Tim Kramer, Teresa Schmid 2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>Motion withdrawn.</p> <p>Motion fails.</p> <p>Motion passes.</p>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Pastor Mike said the closing prayer.	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Motion to Adjourn: Teresa Schmid, Janet Peterson 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Motion passes and meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Vandeburgt