

Special Congregational Meeting- November 15th, 2009

Attendees- 88 members signed in.

Pastor Barry Osterbur has a few opening words.

Opening Prayer

- Prayer by Pastor Barry Osterbur

Meeting called to order by Greg Barris at 12:32p.m.

- Greg reviews the agenda and discusses how the meeting will proceed.

Election of President

- Greg stated that the executive board had voted to nominate Bob Leverenz as President. It was also stated that Bob's term would begin immediately and continue on through the end of this year, then the position will be continue through next year.
- It was mentioned to refer to other side of agenda for Bob Leverenz's letter accepting his nomination.
- Motion to elect Bob Leverenz as President made by Frank Maisano
- Motion seconded by Carl Kammer
- Motion voted on, approved and carried by majority.

Approval of appointment of Vice-President

- Greg stated that Jim Loftus was elected at the October 25th congregational meeting as Vice-President.
- Greg stated that this term would begin immediately to continue on through the end of this year, then his 2010 term of office will begin.
- Refer to back of agenda which includes Jim's acceptance letter
- Motion to appoint Jim Loftus as Vice-President made by Carl Kammer
- Motion seconded by Frank Maisano
- Motion voted on, approved and carried by majority

Approval of Recommendations for Financial Secretary

- It was stated by Greg Barris that Jerry Huff had rescinded his nomination by the executive board as financial counting secretary. He will take on the position of financial recording secretary.
- Motion to approve Jerry Huff in the position of financial recording secretary by Frank Masiano
- Motion seconded by George Wojdacki
- Pastor Barry Osterbur stated that Mark Robinson has agreed to take on the position of financial counting secretary as nominated by the executive board.
- Pastor Barry will check with Jerry Accord to verify that he will remain in his position as the counting secretary through the end of the year.

- Mark Robinson stated that he was not aware that he may need to come into the position immediately.
- Original motion amended by Matt Tipton that with clarification made as to when Mark Robinson's position of financial secretary will begin and when Jerry Accord's will end.
- Original amended motion seconded by Doug Ming
- Motion carried to approve Jerry Huff as financial recording secretary and Mark Robinson as financial counting secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Discussion

- Pastor Kimberly Vaughn led discussion on the following items:

Synod Forums

- Pastor Barry Osterbur talked about the ELCA synod forums regarding the Ministry policies resolutions.
- Pastor Barry stated that he had attended the first of possibly 4 meetings that were to discuss the resolutions that the ELCA had passed. There are plans for more meetings in the future. No dates have been scheduled so far. The reason for these meetings are to give everybody the opportunity to hear how the process was done and to give people the chance to voice, concerns, opinions or feelings regarding this matter.

Love Chairperson

- Pastor Barry stated that we are still in need of a person to be the chairperson for the "LOVE" committee, since the resignation of Nancy Evans.
- Pastor Barry stated that Bob Ochmanski agreed to take on the health ministry. Bob stated that they are considering sanitizing gel or wipes for congregational use, during the flu season. Bob suggested that members might purchase the wipes at Costco for a good price to bring in for all to use.
- Bob stated his email address is bone2@gmail.com if anyone needs to contact him.
- Bob stated that the blood pressure screenings are continuing and ongoing.

Youth Team/Board

- Pastor Barry reviewed the names of the people who have already begun being involved as a team with the youth. Some of those people are Tomie and Norm Soeder, Joey Augugliaro, Chris Briggs, Jennifer Philips and Lisa Beauvais.

Upcoming Events

“Prepare Room”

- Naomi Loose presented her information about the “Prepare Room” that we will begin when we receive our advent boxes next Sunday. They will include a calendar with things you can do as a family and put your coins in the box. At the end of this our money will be collected and we are going to give the donations to furnish a room for a family in need at the Wayne county family center. \$5,500 is the full cost for furnishing one room.

This project is a sponsored by the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

Checks if you choose to pay that way, should be made out to: Families in Need. This will be a temporary fund for the “Prepare Room” project.

Naomi has spoken to Thrivent and confirmed that the Thrivent national office will give \$1,250.00 toward this project.

Cross Family Christmas

- Marcia Gagnon stated that the Cross Family Christmas program will have only one performance this year. It will be Dec. 13th at 4:00 p.m. The theme for this year’s program is “Please Open Before Christmas”.

Post Christmas Planning

- Pastor Barry shared a few words about all that we have been through lately as a congregation. He stated his appreciation of support to all. Plans to move forward and placing our future in Gods hands.
- Pastor Barry stated that he plans to send out letters to a group of approx. 30 people of all ages, genders, etc. to get feedback and participation in sermon ideas and feedback. He may continue on with this process then during significant seasons and holidays, Epiphany, Lent, Etc.
- Linda Kandt stated that with her current health issues she is looking for some help possibly from a youth’s parents, with the bagel sales, and other events that will come up.
- Pastor Barry spoke about a possible Cross/ Genesis connection coming up on Sunday Nov. 29th. Planning on getting a few carloads together to go to Genesis for worship with Pastor Kimberly Vaughn and the congregation.
- Pastor Kimberly Vaughn spoke about how impressed she has been with Cross during the hard times of struggling with differences.

Prayer By Pastor Kimberly Vaughn

Discussion ended at 1:10p.m.