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Gathering to worship, connecting to Jesus, serving our neighbors

Title: Annual meeting **Officiating:** Bethany Wesley, President

Purpose: Annual Business Meeting

Date: 1-26-2020 **Time:** 9:30 a.m. **Location:** Fellowship Hall

B. Wesley: Call to Order & Meeting Procedures

Pr. Holst: Opening Prayer

OLD BUSINESS

B. Wesley: Worship in Gratitude, recited Colossians 3:16-17 together. We shared around the tables what we were grateful for happening in our church family in 2019.

B. Wesley: Approval of the minutes for the 2019 Annual Meeting and meeting to call Pr. Jeremiah Holst. Linda Lemmer moved to approve. Nicholle Bieberdorf seconded. Approved.

S. Palmer
Financial Review of 2019: Weather affected giving because it was hard to get to church the last month of the year, further highlighting the need to use electronic giving. In the general fund income was 97% below budget, primarily short in offering/donations. Expenses were down 98% below budget, primarily because our third pastor started 10 weeks after the budget start date. We ended the year with an actual cash small shortfall of \$8,660. Preschool also finished their fiscal year (6/30/2019) with a shortfall of \$5,876, this is primarily because the preschool contributed \$18,000 to the general fund in an effort to support expenses related to building use. We did two large property projects: LED retrofit and replaced the oldest furnace with a new, commercial, air source heat pump. Both should reduce utility costs in the future. The Foundation and Cemetery investments continue to increase in value gradually. Ann Cease moved to approved. Cindy Filipi seconded. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Pr. Netland: Be Thou My Vision, 2020 Theme and Devotion
"Be Thou My Vision O'Lord of My Heart"
Sang *Be Thou My Vision* together and wrote a 2020 vision goal on paper eyeglasses to be posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. A handout was given in worship that outlines 2019 highlights and looks ahead at 2020 activities and goals. The second side shows 2019 giving and financial trends.

In our every interaction with others, especially those with whom we disagree, let us say to ourselves, "This is one for whom Christ died." -Chad Bird

B Wesley:

Our 2019 council members are Bethany Wesley, president; Greg Snyder, vice president; Steve Palmer, treasurer; at-large: Melissa Meyer, Ashley Brue, Mitch Eickman, Garrett Tisdell, and Kim Williams.

Nominating committee report – we have four members that are on the ballot for the council.

-New council nominees:

Kim Williams, vice president, 1st year, 2nd term

Melissa Meyer, at-large, 1st year, 2nd term

Greg Snyder, at-large, 1st year, 2nd term

Caleb Newman, at-large, 1st year, 1st term

-Remaining council members, one-year term remaining

At Large: Mitch Eichman, Garrett Tisdell, Ashley Brue

President, Bethany Wesley

Treasurer, Steve Palmer

-Nominations of Financial Review Committee,

Tom Riewer, Chris Holter, Jon Bergquist

-Nominations for the Calvary Foundation:

Erin Petrowske, 1st year, 2nd term

Nicole McKinnon, 1st year, 1st term

John Eggers, 1st year, 2nd term

-Nominations Synod Assembly delegates, Friday June 12 and Saturday June 13, 2020. No nominations came from the floor during the meeting.

Female: @2 plus one alt:

Male: @2 plus one alt:

Youth:

Bethany asked for a vote to approve the nominations as one ballot. Linda moved to close nominations and vote for those nominated. Seconded: Bill Sanford. Motion approved.

S. Palmer:

Approval of 2020 Ministry Budget

We need about a 14% increase in giving to cover expected expenses. Preschool budget for 2020/21 will get approved in May before their fiscal year which runs from July 1-June 30.

Steve suggested that congregation members give through the RebelGive electronic giving to help make the giving more sustainable by decreasing income variability caused by travel and poor weather. Steve asked congregation members to increase their personal giving by 10% from what they gave in 2019. We have three pastors and a vicar in the budget, as well as three mission trips and a building project to support which is what we as a congregation approved and committed to support.

Moved by Kathy Eggers. MS: Rod Gunderson. Approved.

All in attendance:

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

B Wesley:

Asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Linda Lemmer to adjourn. Motion second: Mitch Eichman. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Polly Merhar, Church Administrator