

Lost Island Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 26, 2020 by President Troy Leininger. 15 members of the congregation present.

Devotions by Pastor Peter Morlock were based on 1 Peter 2; Living Stones. It was noted that we are beginning our 7<sup>th</sup> year with Pastor.

Secretary's Report: after one correction of the spelling of Alaire Nielsen's name, Tim Nielsen made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alaire, motion carried.

No auditor report available at this time, Tim has the books available to anyone who wants to take a look. He will have Steve Pitt take a look when he returns from vacation.

Treasurer's Report: Tim reported that there is a surplus of \$11,000 due to our investments. Ended the year under budget on every line item. The council wrote off the final \$2,500 of Pastor Peter's truck loan as his bonus. Pastor sent around a Thank You note. Ron Kropf was paid for moving snow via credit at Ruthven Co-op Oil. Troy wanted the congregation to be aware that there are a couple large donors and should anything happen to them we could be in trouble financially. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented by Alaire, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Mason. Motion carried.

President Report: Troy reminded the congregation that the council is still looking for goals for the congregation. He thanked everyone for their work this past year and that planning for the 150<sup>th</sup> will begin.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Peter reported that it had been a busy year, with everything going well. The synod elected a new bishop and it wasn't him! Synod Assembly will be in Spencer in early May and he asked for volunteers to be our representative. Troy indicated that he may be able to attend. The Bishop would like to visit the synod congregations, so if we would like her to come, we need to extend her an invitation sooner rather than later since her calendar does fill up. Confirmation is going well; Lost Island will confirm on November 1, 2020.

The 2020 Budget will increase by \$2,000; \$100 per month to Bethany for raises, \$100 to Custodian, upped IELC just in case electric rates increase and it was decided to just send the synod offering of \$3,500 to the synod instead of separating it to specific projects. Motion by Charles Henningsen to approve the budget as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alaire. Motion carried.

Celebration committee has started planning. Tim and Alaire met with John? who will be writing a piece of music for our celebration to give him information about the church and gave him Gladys's writings. He has ties to the area, so Tim is hoping he will attend our celebration. We do not need to pay him until next year, so please consider giving to this project. The committee will look into ordering shirts and Karyn Leininger will get the paperwork sent to start the process of a new cookbook. Pastor will meet with the committee to talk about special services, how many, when and who to include. Alan Oppedal asked about replacing the carpet. Troy mentioned needing to clean and/or replacement of the siding. Consensus was to keep an eye them. Tim checked on our big purchases and in 2001 painted the sanctuary and replaced the organ, 2002 replaced the roof, 2015 remodeled the basement and 2019 restored the stained glass windows.

Discussion turned to the possibility of an intern, Knutson's are working on the farm and would like to see Shirley's dream come to reality. Due to the weather the deadline for the application to Wartburg

has been moved, Pastor has an application completed and ready to be submitted once he gets the go ahead. Cost is \$35,000. Lost Island is proposing to cover \$15,000 if Bethany can cover \$20,000. Due to the postponement of Bethany's annual meeting, we will revisit this topic after we know what Bethany decides. This is a cost over-and-above the approved budget, so Lost Island will have to discuss how to fund our portion.

At the church-wide meeting this past summer, changes were made to the basic constitution and it is recommended that we approve those changes. Karyn will review the changes and bring them to the congregation when we meet regarding the intern.

Worship committee reported that all are invited to attend their meetings, where they plan worship and asked for ideas.

The mission committee and Lakeside report were reviewed. Knutson's are asking for \$600/rent and will be getting a deck built this spring. The house does need some painting so we may put together a Thrivent project for that, watch for details.

VBS will be hosted at Lost Island on July 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Details will be coming.

Other Business: Bethany has hired a new secretary; Brittany Hernandez will start the week of January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you shop on Amazon, use Smile and choose Lost Island Lutheran Church and we will get a donation. Please direct your Thrivent dollars to Lost Island as well.

Motion to adjourn by Pastor Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Henningsen. Meeting adjourned @ 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Leininger, Secretary pro-tem