

The 2018 Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Troy Leininger. 18 members of Lost Island Lutheran Church present. Troy asked for a motion to approve the agenda with an addition of a ballot. Pat Henningsen reported for the nominating committee that Kyle Norris agreed to take the secretary position to replace Karyn Leininger and that Alan Oppedal has asked to be replaced on the Lakeside board in October, so if anyone is interested please let her know. Motion to approve agenda with addition made by Steve Pitt, 2nd by Alan Oppedal. Motion carried.

Devotions were led by Vicar Sarah Schilcher based on 1 Chronicles 15:16. We must be an inquisitor of God and ask assistance to be successful, God will see we are honored. We as a church should be open to how God's directing us. What direction should we go?

Copies of the full Secretary's Report were made available to the members since the entire report was not included in the booklet. Linda Pitt made a motion to approve the report as printed. 2nd by Charles Henningsen. Motion carried.

Auditor Steve Pitt reported that the books are in order. Tim Nielsen began the Treasurer's Report by reporting that there was a \$3.00 error in last year's report and that correction was made. An unexpected expense is related to the Vicar's rent and utilities, \$27,000 was spent on window restoration and Thrivent Investments brought in \$8,000, for a difference of \$1,400 in the positive. Please direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to Lost Island as every dollar helps. Motion to approve the report was made by Pat Henningsen, 2nd by Craig Thu. Motion carried.

Troy Leininger in his President's Report asked everyone to please consider new goals, Pastor Peter Morlock says the congregation has met the goals we set at the time he was hired. So what's next? There is new leadership at Bethany and Troy will make an effort to be in contact with them so we are all on the same page.

Pastor's Report was left out of our booklet so Troy read it from Bethany's annual meeting booklet that Vicar Sarah had with her. Karyn Leininger will get it from Pastor and be sure members get a copy and will include it with the minutes.

First order of business is to ratify the updated Constitution. Motion to ratify made by Tim Nielsen, 2nd by Linda Pitt. Motion carried.

The budget is on the last page of the booklet. We added the Vicar, increased the phone and VBS and decreased the Lutheran for a \$5,757 increase for 2018. We contribute \$31,200 yearly to Bethany (\$2,600 monthly) with a portion of that being put into an account for parsonage upkeep, as there are some large budget items that will need some attention, according to Pastor. Motion to approve the 2018 budget made by Craig Thu, 2nd by Linda Pitt. Motion carried.

In light of recent events, the Synod is suggesting that all churches come up with a checks and balances for the Treasurer in order to have more eyes on the offering. The council is suggesting to have members of the congregation count and deposit the offering each Sunday. Tim Nielsen would bring deposit slips, the deposit stamp and paperwork he would need for his bookkeeping and keep them locked in the office closet to be used each Sunday. Motion by Linda Pitt to put out a weekly signup sheet for those to volunteer to count the money and take the deposit to the bank. 2nd by Steve Pitt. After much discussion about keeping giving anonymous, the motion died on the floor. The council will look into automatic withdrawal and online giving to give the congregation alternatives that keep giving unknown.

Pat Henningsen presented the ballot to elect Kyle Norris as council secretary. Tim Nielsen made a motion to approve the ballot as presented. 2nd by Charles Henningsen. Motion carried. Thanks were extended to Karyn for her years of service to the council. Karyn will continue as the website manager and window restoration project leader.

Updates were presented on the stained glass window repair; we have 4 large and 4 small windows left to be restored. Deposit of \$5,400 is paid for 3 of the large windows and once Morris and Carol return from the south they will begin work on them. Seven sanctuary windows have been adopted and an 8th one is close. Karyn Leininger will get the brass plaques ordered and get estimates for the small windows. Best guess is we have \$17,000 left to be paid for repairs on the windows.

Tim Nielsen and Pat Henningsen are on the worship committee and they encourage others to come join them as they plan our worship services. The goal is keep us in one hymnal as much as possible. They meet every couple months and they are open to suggestions.

Karyn Leininger directed the congregation to the mission report in the booklet and reported that \$500 of the nut money was used to send new books to Church of Damascus Road for the Storytellers program with the help of Touch of Hope Bookstore in Sheldon. They paid the freight and gave us a discount and would be excited to help us with that project in the future. We also gave Courtney Davis \$500 towards her Wycliffe salary. Connie Swan and Linda Pitt are the other members of the Mission Committee.

Women of the ELCA report is in the booklet and Alaire Nielsen handed out the treasurer report. She reported that \$400 was sent to Puerto Rico hurricane relief via Lutheran World Relief in addition to the other mission projects the ladies voted on. The Ice Cream Social brought in \$1,500 and the Soup Supper brought in \$1,000. The coffee money was used to purchase a new coffee maker and school kit items.

Alan Oppedal presented that Lakeside Lutheran Home is in extremis. They are sound if the money owed to them would come in but since it is slow coming and reserves are extended; the bank wants a plan as to how the loan will be paid back or they may call the loan. Sentiment of the board is to seek a buyer for the facility, but they are willing to seek pledges from the founding churches before going down that road. The board is working toward a solution and Alan will keep us updated.

Vicar Sarah Schilcher's report did not make it in our annual booklet; Karyn will get copies to the congregation and will include it with this report. Sarah stated that everything is going well from her perspective. We have been very good in meeting her needs and giving her direction. The internship committee will be meeting to get her 6-month review finished and sent to Wartburg Seminary.

Other business presented by President Leininger was to make everyone aware of the latest social statement available for comment; Women and Justice. The document is available for download at ELCA.org. The comment period will close September 2018. The WIS Assembly is June 9-11, 2018. Tom and Lavonne Mason will be our representatives unless others want to attend.

Motion to adjourn made by Craig Thu, 2nd by Pat Henningsen. Meeting closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Lost Island Council met immediately after the annual meeting to appoint Tim Nielsen treasurer and to set their next meeting for March 7th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Karyn Leininger, Secretary