

St. John's Lutheran Church
2023 Annual Meeting, February 12, 2023
Approved at the 2024 Annual Meeting

Belonging to Christ, we are a family of faith, **Encouraging** spiritual growth, and **Connecting** others to lasting hope.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Phil Hennemann at 10:11 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Phil led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The cemetery report was added to the agenda. Motion by Earl Gunderson, second by Marsha Brunkhorst, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion by Laura Hennemann, second by Stacy Burr, to approve the 2022 annual meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Cemetery Report: Ross gave an update on the columbarium.

Election: Phil went over the term for each open position; he then opened up the floor three times for nominations to all open positions. There were no additional nominations made. Pat Sandness and Earl Gunderson were appointed ballot clerks; the meeting proceeded while the ballots were counted.

Members on the ballot were:

President:	Phil Hennemann (Term ending 2024)
Vice President:	Karen Gunderson
Secretary:	Barb Esanbock
Financial Secretary:	Brian Sandness
Education:	Beth Keehr
Property:	Tom Boyer
Worship:	Ella Esanbock
Social Concerns:	Mel Wentlandt
Stewardship:	Stacy Burr

New Business:

- A. Approval of the Budget:** The 2023 proposed budget was reviewed. For 2022, St. John's portion of the Parish budget was 50%; for 2023, it will be 40%. It was noted that the 2022 budget was higher than the expenditures. The Pastoral portion of the Parish expenses was explained and discussed. Motion by Kathy Miller, seconded by Paula Hampton, to approve the 2023 budget as proposed. Motion carried.
- B. Delegates to Synod Assembly:** Laura Hennemann agreed to be one of two attendees.
- C. Nominating Committee:** It is preferred to have two outgoing Council members and two other congregation members. Lisa Nelson, Rob Moore, Mel Wentlandt, and Marsha Brunkhorst agreed to be on the nominating committee for the 2024 Council.
- D. Sunday School Building:** The Food Pantry currently pays St. John's \$125 per quarter towards expenses. The actual utility expenses are \$200-\$300 per month. There was discussion on the building's condition, needed updates, and insurance.

Election Results: There were 29 voting members signed in, with 29 ballots turned in. All votes were unanimous.

Closing: There was a motion by Marsha Brunkhorst, second by Rob Moore, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer

.Respectfully submitted by Barb Esanbock, St. John's Council Secretary.