

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, January 29, 2017, 10:55 a.m.**

After everyone was seated for the potluck, the meeting was called to order by Council President, Greg Buchholz at 10:55 a.m. Pastor Jeremy Serrano led us in prayer for guidance in our deliberation.

A quorum was present, 61 members.

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Mark Deniston, seconded by Donna Albrecht.

Motion passed

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting was made by Sue Hertless and seconded by Juaira Welsh.

Motion passed

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION

Council President, Greg Buchholz, thanked Nils Anderson, Leone McCullough and Betty Jacobsen, who are leaving Council, for their contribution to the 2016 Council.

He also thanked the Nominating Committee (Sue Hertless, Adam Castle and Pastor Jeremy) and those who volunteered to be nominated and serve on Council next year. The slate of nominees was announced as follows: Rebecca Berg and Nancy Judge for a one year term, and Greg Buchholz, Tyler Costa and Joseph Husary for three year terms. A brief write up on the nominees appear in the Annual Report.

Nominations from the floor were opened. There were no nominations and Herb Young made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Jim Olson

Motion passed

It was moved by Marcia Sander, seconded by Donna Albrecht to vote by acclamation

Motion passed

A vote to accept the slate of officers by acclamation was held.

Motion passed.

Responsibility of those elected will be selected by the new Council.

REPORTS

Property Committee: The Property Committee report was deferred to later.

Finance Committee/Budget: Nils Anderson reported for the Finance Committee and thanked the congregation for allowing him to serve on Council. He thanked Gordon Monroe and Laura Mott for their help in preparing this year's budget and the congregation for the increase (3%) in pledge dollars over last year.

Pastor's Annual Report: Pastor Jeremy Serrano gave his annual report. He began by thanking volunteers on various congregation committees for their work. This was followed by a video presentation on Good Shepherd activities this past year. We've done a lot.

Discussion on Friends Feeding Friends: Pastor opened the discussion on the needs of Friends Feeding Friends (FFF). Currently FFF is using three rooms in the Fellowship Hall area (two class rooms and the nursery); two rooms above the office and Luther Hall as storage for food, clothing and home furnishings. This limits the number of rooms available for church use and other activities. The Council is thinking in terms of a new building on top of the campus to hold all of FFF needs. Before anything can be done we need a new plan that the congregation can buy into. This coming year the Council will be developing a plan for a new building.

The meeting was opened to sharing ideas and questions on a new building for FFF.

Questions included: Do we need special legal consideration like permits and neighbor's agreements? Have we approached the Synod regarding building? Can we get money from other sources? Can Thrivent help? Why not build down on the lower lot if we are worried about neighbors?

Pastor Jeremy indicated we need to hear from all members, even the shy ones. He suggested we "Think Big," we can always scale down our plans.

Pastor Jeremy thanked Dana Deniston for her work with FFF and she was given a hand of applause.

500 Years of Reformation: Pastor Jeremy indicated he would like to have a Reformation Festival on Reformation Sunday in which we would have booths and games. It would be both fun and educational. He would like five or six people to help plan it and a minimum of 25 volunteers would be needed.

Pastor Jeremy also suggested a float in the Clayton and Concord 4th of July parade.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation/Adoption of the 2017 Budget: The 2017 Budget was presented. Gordon Monroe from the Finance Committee was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Adam Castle and seconded by Mark Deniston to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed

Congregation Authorization to approve Annual Meeting Minutes: A motion to have the Council approve the Annual Meeting minutes was made by Sue Hertless and seconded by Marcia Sander. Motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CONGREGATIONAL INPUT

Questions, Ideas, Comments: Time of worship (miss the second service) was mentioned. Some would like to look at bringing back the Bells. The need for a new Church Directory was brought up (it's in the process). Could the church arrange a time for children to come play at Good Shepherd? Concern over contributions to the Synod was expressed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Hertless, seconded by Donna Albrecht. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jacobsen