

**Calvary Lutheran Church (CLC)**  
**Congregation Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**January 31, 2024**

The annual congregational meeting was part of Wednesday night worship. Video and a transcript of the service and meeting are available on-line at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiigSptTbO4>.

The service started at 18:30 and adult attendance at that time was counted at 105. However, people arrived and departed throughout the service. Interim Pastor Randy Fett provided the welcome and announcements. LeeAnn Henry was recognized by Council Vice President Dan Kueker for 45 years of employment at CLC. Cheryl Chapman made announcements for the CLC 75th Anniversary in 2024 with events leading up to the celebration service at 09:30 on October 20, 2024.

**Quorum count.** At 18:39, a quorum count of voting members was completed and 115 people were counted. The required quorum is 50 voting members based on the CLC Constitution approved in 2022.

An opening song preceded the scripture reading of Luke 17:11-19. Pastor Fett provided a devotion about the importance of ministering and expressions of gratitude to all people. Offering was taken and total attendance was recorded by ushers of 155 people.

**Call to order.** Council Vice President Kueker called the annual meeting to order at 18:56.

**Agenda approval.** Kueker presented the meeting agenda for approval. No new business was offered by the Congregation to amend the agenda. **Approved by voice vote.**

**Annual meeting minutes.** Kueker presented the annual meeting minutes from 2023 for approval. **Approved by voice vote.**

**Elections.**

**Council elections.** Elections for three Council positions were held. Nominations were for Troy Kilpatrick (second term), Joey Younie, and Julie Richter. Nominating Committee Chairperson Jeff Schleusener announced the candidates and provided written ballots. No nominations were made by the Congregation. Ballots were counted and tallied as follows: Kilpatrick, 102; Younie, 100; and Richter, 97. The Council Secretary certified the ballot count. **Kilpatrick, Younie, and Richter were elected to the Council.**

**Endowment Committee election.** Elections for one position on the Endowment Committee were held using a written ballot. The nomination was for Peg Seljeskog. No nominations were made by the Congregation. Ballots were counted and tallied as follows: Seljeskog, 103. **Seljeskog was elected to the Endowment Committee.**

**Nominating committee.** Elections for at least two positions on the Nominating Committee were held with written ballots. Nominations were for Nancy May and Bill Eldridge. Ballots were counted and tallied as follows: May, 95; Eldridge, 101; and Cindy Kinzley (write-in), 3. **May, Eldridge, and Kinzley were elected to the Nominating Committee.**

**Synod assembly delegates.** Nominations for 8 synod assembly delegates were written in on the ballots. Synod assembly is planned for June 7 and 8, 2024, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The following names were listed with the number of votes in parentheses:

Piper Gimpel (5), Makayla Rice (5), Cindy Kinzley (4), Kathy Miller (3), Marti Nesband (3), Jason Mitchell (2), Philip Stiles (2), David Bender (1), Cheryl Chapman (1), Malcom Chapman (1), Bill Eldridge (1), Jess Erpenbach (1), Jess Gromer (1), Trish Hauf (1), Troy Kilpatrick (1), Jan Knutson (1), Katie Konenkamp (1), Gary Kuhl (1), Amy Nelson (1), Gina Nelson (1), Tim Olson (1), Julie Richter (1), Jennifer Rousel (1), Kari Scovel (1), Peg Seljeskog (1), Sarah Steiner (1), Joey Younie (1).

The Nominating Committee will finalize the list and make recommendations to the Council for the 8 delegates.

**President's report.** Council President Jess Gromer was unable to attend but provided a written report in the meeting handout.

**Rostered leader reports.** Pastor Fett provided a report on the results of listening sessions and surveys on the state of the church. Fett also provided a transition schedule for hiring a permanent pastor. Deacon Tom Martin presented a report focused on youth activities and ministerial plans for the next year.

**Presentation of 2023 financials and 2024 budget.** Treasurer Martin Kerkenbush presented the 2023 financial report and the proposed 2024 budget. In 2023, receipts were \$855,690 and disbursements were \$882,403 (disbursements were \$26,713 more than offerings). Disbursement changes from 2023 compared to 2022 included decreased spending on witness, education, support, and administration and increased spending on worship and the building.

Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of 2023 were \$534,438, total assets were \$9,018,920 and total liabilities were \$109,236 (payroll taxes and dedicated funds payable), and total liabilities and fund balance were \$9,018, 920.

The budget (spending plan) for 2024 was reviewed. The budget assumed income and expenses of \$854,400 (balanced budget). Planned distribution of expenses are 64% staff and admin, 22% facilities, 3% youth and education, 6% ministries, and 5% capital investment.

**The 2023 financials and 2024 budget were approved by voice vote.**

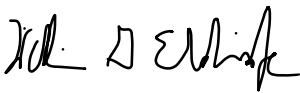
**Endowment report.** Matt Odden, Endowment Committee member, presented information on the endowment fund, which is expected to provide about \$25,000 in 2024 (5% of the total fund). The proposed distribution included the following: 8.3% Lutheran Outdoors, 8.3% Pine Ridge Retreat Center, 8.3% Lutheran Social Services, 13.75% Church Response, 6.25% One Heart, 5% Love Inc., 28.25% to CLC needs (roof repair or other needs), 21.75% to Middle School trip. **Approved by voice vote.**

**Recognition of outgoing Council and Endowment members.** Pastor Fett recognized Bill Eldridge and Nancy May as outgoing members of Council.

**Adjournment.** Kueker closed the business meeting at 19:48.

**Closing remarks.** Deacon Martin provided a prayer, provided a closing blessing, and the service ended with singing.

Respectfully Submitted,



Council Secretary