

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Congregational Meeting

January 28, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Susan Lux. Opening prayer by Ken Reinoehl.

Members in attendance: Congregation

Open Council Position. Due to the passing of Wayne Kaschak there is a vacancy of his second year position. Susan explained that when the position that Chaney held was open, the member selection was decided by who was the next one with the most votes from the election(which was Fred Drotleff) Congregation was given option of returning to the same selection process or if someone wanted to volunteer for the position. Jackie Wanner, made the suggestion to wait to fill the vacancy. It was noted that if that was done, there would have be another vote with another congregational meeting. Per constitution there would be have to be two weeks notice given prior to the meeting. Jeff Ward volunteered to fill the vacancy of Wayne Kaschak. Bill Bowman moved to accept with Jim Hunter seconded. Motion carried. A Thrivant representative is needed for congregational representation. With more Thrivant members this will help with decision making for the needs of the congregation.

Secretary vacancy update. At this time there is a committee established to interview as candidates apply. Job has not been filled yet.

Annual Report. Congregation reviewed the annual reports completed by the committee chairs. Questions answered and it was noted of some additions to the report. The outreach of prayer shawls, Helping Hands Network, Barney Bears, and school support with school supplies (HHN annual drive), underwear, clothes, hats and scarves. Congregation agreed to accept the annual report with hand vote.

Treasurer's report. It was noted that there is a decline in giving and difficulty with meeting the weekly/monthly budget. Ken Reinoehl encouraged members to review their giving.

Worship 8:00 service. Discussion of the two services vs just having one. It was noted that those members who attend the 8:00 prefer having this early option to worship. After discussion, a motion made my Jackie Wanner to discontinue 8:00 service at this time with the option to return at a later date. Mary Drotleff seconded. Motion carried. It was noted that with a new pastor, s/he may want to make changes in the worship times and/or number of worship services.

Constitution. There is a need to make some changes and updates. A committee to be formed to address this.

Interium Pastor update. At this time Synod is working this. There is a possibility that candidate to lead bible study prior to being considered.

Call committee. There will be a need to form a committee to work with Synod as a pastor search begins. Members of the committee should represent a diverse sample to address concerns and needs for the congregation.

Congregational volunteers for Synod Assembly in June. There is a need for two people to represent SOV at the Synod Assembly.

Designation of funds to Ohio Synod. Discussed need to designate an amount for Ohio Synod. After discussion, Susan Kaschak motioned to give Synod \$25.00 per month to Ohio Synod. Iva Mae Campana Seconded. Motion carried.

Synod Council Election. Southern conference is seeking 6 volunteers to serve on council. SOV members encouraged to consider this as it will provide better representation of congregation in this area of Ohio.

Other. Last payment to be made to Pastor Miguel February 28, 2018. Tim Farber asked about the possibility of keeping Ken Reinohl to promote more continuity and stability for the congregation. Ken explained that he needed to complete more education before he could be a formal pastor. Chris Pontones addressed the concerns that the church committees need to continue to remain active so that we can serve as a congregation.

Bryan Lux motioned to adjourn. Ken Reinohl seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Broadwater