

Meeting called to order at 11.05 am by President Dale Gruenewald. There were 45 members in attendance. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Minutes for 2020: Minutes from the January 26 Annual Congregational Meeting were reviewed. Rich Hoffelmeyer motioned to approve the minutes; Vicki Pellmann seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes from the November 15 Annual Fall Congregational Meeting were reviewed. Dave Woehlke motioned to approve the minutes; Kathi Trent seconded. Motion carried.

Audit Report: Audit report reviewed. Les Mehrtens acknowledged that a lot of time was spent on the audit but that the time was well spent. He also thanked Vicki Pellmann for her time in facilitating the process. Les Mehrtens motioned to approve the audit report; Joyce Tastad seconded. Motion carried

2021 Budget: Budget was reviewed. Rich Hoffelmeyer pointed out mileage allowance had dropped and Vicki Pellmann made note to adjust. Rich Hoffelmeyer motioned to approve the budget; Linda Hopfinger seconded. Motion carried.

2020 Treasurer's Report: Pastor made note that in spite of Covid in the past year, the church received \$10,000 more in donations than expenses, even without PPP. Vicki Pellmann also announced that the PPP loan had been fully forgiven, so it would no longer be shown as a liability. Rich Hoffelmeyer motioned to approve the treasurer's report; Rich Trent seconded. Motion carried.

In Loving Trust Interest: The interest from the In Loving Trust was \$1074.97. Dale Gruenewald presented council's recommendation to put the interest towards the purchase of a new AED unit as the current one needs replaced. Vicki Pellmann shared the current one was a donation and an attempt at fixing it was not successful. Attempts to acquire a new one by donation have also been unsuccessful. Dave Woehlke motioned to approve council's recommendation; Linda Hofpinger seconded. Motion carried.

Constitutional and Bylaws Changes: Pastor presented two proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. The first change pertains to the potential dissolution of the church: Article X, Section 122 will be updated to allow for the remaining congregational members to determine to which non-profit any remaining funds shall be transferred, while Section 8, Paragraph D of the By-Laws will be updated to give records to the St. Clair County Historical Society. Kelly Woehlke raised concern about making sure we account for the continued care for Freivogel Cemetery and further discussions centered around refining the constitutional language in the future. Dave Woehlke motioned to approve the change; Gary Shondy seconded. Motion carried.

The second change was for the purpose of de-duplication of language. Article VIII, Section 116 provides the guidance for how the council should be composed; Section 8, Paragraph A of the By-Laws repeats the language of how council should be composed. Sean Mahoney motioned to approve removing the duplicative language from the By-Laws; Kathi Trent seconded. Motion carried.

Consolidating Office Position: Darlene Gansmann is due to retire as Church Secretary on April 1st. Council has been discussing filling her position and determined consolidating the current Secretarial position with the separate Treasurer's position is ideal. Kim Mueller and Les Mehrtens have already invested some time in gathering job requirements and are seeking additional people to serve on the hiring committee. Les Mehrtens motioned to consolidate the two positions into one; Dave Woehlke seconded. Motion carried.

Rich Trent motioned to adjourn; Darren Gruenewald seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald

Secretary - Stacy Woehlke