

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
APPROVED 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting
January 31, 2021

Welcome given by President Jon Peterson.

- I. Call to Order:** Call to order at 10:30 a.m.
- II. Opening Prayer:** Opening prayer lead by Pastor David Hanson
- III. Open Forum:** None
- IV. Adopt Agenda:**

Motion to adopt Annual Meeting Agenda as written. Marty Malmin/Bob Carlson/No discussion/Carried.

- V. Approve 2019 Congregational Meeting Minutes held on Sunday, January 26, 2020:**

Motion to approve the congregational meeting minutes held on January 26, 2020. Duane Swenson /Marty Malmin/No discussion/Carried.

- VI. Pastor's Report Given by Pastor David Hanson:** Despite COVID, our Congregation grew. Thankful for all the support that has given in so many ways. Our Director of Youth and Family, Mark Nissen, has been a great addition to the congregation.

- VII. Director of Youth & Family Report Given by Mark Nissen:** Excited to be here working with the youth. Looking forward to making new and growing relationships and going on our first ever Mission Trip over the summer. There are about 20 participants in the Wednesday night program, some of which are not members.

- VIII. Ministry Board Report Given by Jon Peterson:** 2020 was a remarkably busy year with many regular and special meetings. Even with all that occurred in 2020, Peace had a productive year. Recognized the Ministry Board members and the outgoing members Ben Simon, Kevin Schroeder, and Jon Peterson.

- IX. Nominating Committee Ballot Presentation Given by Bob Rieckenberg:**

- Ministry Board Positions (3-Year Term) Vote for Two: Jaime Carlson, Karen Dressel, Lori Hartzell, and Collette Thorson.
- Ministry Board Positions (1-Year Term) Vote for One: Adam Hansen and Andy Johnsrud
- Nominating Committee (2-Year Term) Vote for Three: Kari Hanson, Tracy Hully, Karen Lotito John Peterson and Ben Simon.
- President (After Ministry Board Election Results)

- X. Recognition of Ministry Teams**

- *Altar Care Ministry Team* – Presented by Wendy Ely: Recognized the current team members. Difficult year with the death of Barb Schansberg, who led this team for a long time. Described the duties of the Altar Care Team, always looking for new members.
- *Christian Education Ministry Team* – Presented by Nichole Johnsrud: Christian

education encompasses adult and children learning. Adult bible classes, Confirmation, VBS, JAM.

- *Finance Ministry Team* – Presented by Marty Malmin: Marty presented information regarding an audit by an outside independent accounting firm that found our records in good order. Thanks to the time given by Judy Jacobson, Sue Beulke, and RaKel Schroeder. He also shared that Jeremy Baumann would be succeeding him in the year 2021.
- *Hospitality Ministry Team* – Presented by Marty Malmin: Again, because of COVID, the Hospitality team has been very limited in what activities could be done. There are several things that the hospitality team is involved in, such as, post worship Peace Café, Fish Fry, Cribbage tournaments, hot dish contest, monthly Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrations just to name a few!
- *Mission Ministry Team* – Presented by Karen Lotito: Karen gave examples on how we are involved locally and nationally with our mission efforts. For complete examples please refer to the 2020 Annual Report.
- *Outreach Ministry Team* – Presented by Karen Dressel: Acknowledged her team members. They delivered pineapples, served coffee to WM Elementary parents as they waited in line to drop off their children, and hosted the annual Chili Feed to the Watertown Fire Department. Always looking for and welcoming new members.
- *Property Ministry Team* – Presented by John Weinzierl: John recognized his cleaning team for their inside and outside work that is done here at Peace. There was a volunteer cost analysis done for some of the cleaning and maintenance at Peace and the projected cost of this volunteer work would be about \$30,000 if it had to be hired out. The parking lot is slated to be resurfaced in 2021 and multiple donations have been given, even from two contributors who are not our members!
- *Stewardship Ministry Team* – Presented by Emily Lindblom: Emily is stepping down as the chair. It will be led by Amy Peterson and Rachel Lotito in her absence. The 2021 campaign was “Bee Generous” in time, talents and giving. There were about 70 people that responded to the time and talent survey and they will be contacted by team chairs to invite them to join a meeting.
- *Technology Ministry Team* – Presented by Kevin Schroeder: Recognized Robert Dean for all the wonderful time he gave in making our praise band and technology work here at Peace. Since Robert’s stroke there have been several people helping to keep the technology working. Mark Nissen has been extremely helpful as well as our secretary, Sandy. We have had interruptions along the way, but we continue to strive to work out the bugs.
- *Worship & Music Ministry Team* – Presented by Marla Erickson: This team plans, prepares, practices and delivers our weekly music. Looking for some choir members, both youth and adults. Distancing precautions would be taken.
- *Youth Activities Ministry Team* – Presented by Jessica Bogema-Baumann: The team is trying to do monthly activities with the youth. They have done nerf wars, ice skating, gaga ball, lock-in, campfire at our new fire pit and using our new volleyball

court. With the addition of our new Director of Youth and Family, we look forward to the summer mission trip scheduled to Logan, West Virginia in July. Wednesday's are youth night and we have been averaging 20-30 youth for fellowship, some are friends of our youth members.

XI. Remembering Our Departed Members: John Tuttle, Deloris McPadden, Phil Schansberg, Barb Schansberg and Tom Erickson were remembered.

XII. 2020 and 2021 Finance Review Presented by Jeremy Baumann and Judy Jacobson

- Audit Report of 2020 Financial Records – Done by an independent agency and found our books to be in order.
- Review of 2020 Finance Report – Judy reviewed income and expenses. There was a noticeable decrease in giving for the Easter and Christmas holidays directly related to be shut down because of COVID.
- Proposed 2021 Budget – Jeremy discussed the 2021 budget and needing to take \$25,000 from the general fund. Discussed expected income versus expected expenses. Discussed how we will begin to prepare for the 2022 budget with continuing awareness with Stewardship.

Motion to approve 2021 Budget: Judy Jacobson/Jake Jacobson/No discussion/Carried

XIII. New Business: Care Team Ministry presented by Mary Fritz-Barfnecht. Mary introduced the committee to the congregation. The committee would be a natural extension to the ministry teams already in place and would complement the teams. The Mission Statement is “Striving to show compassion to members of our church by supporting each of our members as we experience the events, stages and transitions of our lives.” Excited to start the team and see where it leads us. Our objective would be caring for shut ins, caring for young families, caring for church families facing serious illness, caring through prayer, caring for the grieving, and caring through faith events. If interested, please talk to Mary.

XIV. Nominating Committee Election Results Presented by Bob Rieckenberg

- Elected Nominating Committee Members for the 2021 year serving a 2-year term are: Tracy Hulley, Karen Lotito and Jon Peterson
- Elected Ministry Board Members for the 2021 year serving a 2-year term are: Karen Dressel and Lori Hartzell
- Elected Ministry Board Member for the 2021 year serving a 1-year term is: Adam Hanson
- 2021 Ministry Board President: Joseph Perez has agreed and accepted the 2021 Ministry Board President position.

Motion to destroy ballots: Marty Malmin /Don Barfnecht_/No discussion/Carried

XV. Thank You Past Ministry Board Members and Candidates

XVI. Adjournment: Closing statement from the president of the congregation, Jon Peterson.

Motion to adjourn Jake Jacobson/Paul Nesvold/No discussion/Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

XVII. Closing Prayer: Closing Prayer by Pastor David Hanson.