

**Augustana Lutheran Church
140th Annual Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2016**

- Waiting for a quorum.
 - Pastor introduced Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's letter to congregations in the front of the packet and worship using with the litany, hymn, and scripture as printed on the inside of the packet.
 - **Pastor's Report** – page 5 & 6
It takes a village/community to raise a child. Importance of the family – bonding and relationships, friends, relatives, church members. Now there is life in the pews. It takes a village – it could have said “we don't like the disruption”, but instead welcomed the babies and toddlers. We have watched as children learn their inside voice and young people leading the worship and reading the lessons. We gave the youth opportunity to be active in church. It takes a village to welcome new members and visitors. Pastor gives thanks to God to be a part of this village.
 - **President's Report** – Dick Lindblom, page 6
Thanks to members who have helped out at the church throughout the year. Named several people within his report.
 - **Mission Team reports**
 - Property - Darrel Bullock spoke about the roof problem. We are peeling from the inside out. Timbers are rotting with the moisture – paint peeling, plaster crumbling. Project for the Congregation Council and the Property Mission Team.
 - Social Concerns – Amy Swenson is a new member who will be in charge of the Soup Kitchen part.
 - **Discussion about quorum numbers**
It was moved that we conduct business, do all that is needed, and have small meeting after a service to ratify what business needs to be approved. MSC.
No quorum with 48 members at 12:15pm.
- I. **Meeting called to order** at 12:15pm by Congregation President, Dick Lindblom.
 - II. Acceptance of agenda. **MSC**
 - III. Approval of the minutes of the 139th Annual Meeting. **MSC**
 - IV. Election of Congregation Council members (dates below indicate the end of the term as of December of that year). Nominations or volunteers from the floor – none.
MSC to accept the four as new members of the council. Caleb Christopherson (2018), Jean Huff (2018), David Midland (2018), and Lila Plambeck (2017)
 - V. Nomination and election of voting members to Western Iowa Synod Assembly, June 10-12, 2016 at the Marriott Courtyard in Omaha.
What are the responsibilities? Voting member – you listen to the discussions and vote your conscience. Then report back to the congregation to what is happening.
Fred Hexom and Jenna Liberto volunteer if they can get off work. **MSC** (Fred is unable to get the time off, so we need to elect a replacement.)
 - VI. **Financial reports**—Bob Swanson
 - a) **Financial Secretary**
Page 13. Receipts to disbursements - \$6000 ahead. (Did have a deficit coming in)
Giving units are families.
 - b) **Treasurer**
Page 14 – summary of funds, money market, youth, capital improvement, roof water damage,
(Page 18 – reprint of page14)
Question – Could we use the Foundation to pay for the roof problem? Foundation money

principal would be lower and then we wouldn't get moneys for the General Fund. We get 6% from the earnings. It would deplete the principal. **MSC** to accept the report. A thank you for all the work Bob has done.

c) **Audit** – will be done at a later date

VII.

New business

a) **Pastor's sabbatical** –

The job wears on a person, and need time to rest and recharge. Getting vibes at where anger at small things is interfering with his performance. Needs time to recharge. Looking at several conferences in July and August. Reading week at LLC – God's Little Sprouts day, etc. How to pay for it? Last time was with Pastor Mike Schmidt who needed a healing time following the closure of Our Savior's. Paid him \$7000 for three months. This time – two people: Elizabeth Lippke, a seminarian, and Tami Groth a diaconal minister. Paid as pulpit supply+. A vice pastor would be on retainer. Estimate cost of \$4000.

Questions/comments: In favor of it. Why can't this be put in budget to save for it? Bob – expecting that offerings will come in to help defray costs. For the next one – put money away to fund it. Do we know the vice pastor will be? – Not yet, but will be introduced to the congregation. **MSC** to grant the sabbatical.

b) **Presentation of 2016 Mission Plan**—Bob Swanson

Page 20. It has been approved by the church council. Some lines have been increased, some have decreased. Majority of funding is for personnel. 1% to 2% increase over last year. **MSC** to approve.

c) **Recess for the Augustana Foundation meeting @ 12:55pm**

VIII.

Augustana Foundation meeting called at 12:55pm by President Dave Madsen

- Cannot get more money from the Foundation – bylaws state up to 6% to give to general fund.
- a) Report page 21 – letter from Michael Moreland. All market activity is down 10% in January 2016. It will raise in the future.
- b) Election of Augustana Foundation Board members for terms ending at the Annual Meeting in 2019. (Vote for 3)
- c) On the ballot: Jeanne Emmons, Oliver Nygard, Matt Rixner, and Bob Stewart. Paper ballot: Jeanne, Matt, and Bob were elected.
- d) Adjourn the Augustana Foundation meeting @ 1:07 MSC

IX.

Resume the Congregation Meeting @ 1:08pm

- February 21st, 2016 for the service approval of the meeting
- **MSC** to adjourn @ 1:10pm.

X.

Closing prayer – Pastor Del Olivier

Council meeting, January 31, 2016

Present: Dick, Jeff, Jean, Lila, David, Marty, Shelley, Pastor, Bob

Nominations and voting for officers:

President: Shelly Hexom and Vice-President: Jeff Levine

Installation will be on February 28

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 25, 2016 @ 6pm

Ash Wednesday dinner – chili and cinnamon rolls, need help for prep work, bring bars. 50-60 people?

Respectfully submitted by Marlene Levine, council secretary.