

2023 Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church Congregational Annual Meeting Minutes March 5, 2023

34 members of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church were in attendance.

Kris Beck called the meeting to order.

Jaime Decker led the congregation in devotions and prayer from front cover of the annual report.

Secretary's report: Minutes were presented from 2022 Annual Meeting. Scott Melore made a motion to dismiss with the reading of the minutes, Dan McKeever made second Motion to dismiss with reading. Dan McKeever made motion to approve minutes, Mike Larson second, motion passed and Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Kris Beck & Michelle Goettle, Profit and Loss on page 22 and 23. Motion to approve profit and loss and changes was made by Julie Johnson second by Dennis Dahl, no opposed, finances approved. No Opposed. Report approved.

Tellers: Nancy Wrage, Joleen Hardy, Stacey McKeever. Volunteered to be tellers.

Election: Kris Beck explained the ballot. No Other volunteers for open positions. Shirley Waloch made motion to approve ballot, 2nd is Jessica Peterson. No Opposed. Ballot passed. Voting results are as follows.

Church Council: There were 2 open positions. Mike Larson and Martin Potts chose to re-run. Elected as such. Jessica Peterson stepped down so that left 1 position open, Council will find a member to fill that position, and complete the last year of Jessica's term.

Nominating Committee: Jessica Peterson, Megan Wrage, Dan McKeever, Courtney Koepke were on the ballot for the 4 positions on the nomination committee. Elected as such.

GA Foundation Directors: Jeff Anderson was up for re-election and chose to re-run, on the ballot. Jeff Anderson was elected to the GA Foundation Directors.

Synod Assembly: June 3-4 this year. Kris Beck and Joleen Hardy were on the ballot, 2 were elected to attend the Synod assembly to be GA Church's voting delegates. Church Council will find the 3rd member.

Auditing Committee: Karla Waloch was up for re-election this year, she chose to re-run. Karla Waloch was elected to Auditing Committee.

Stewardship Committee: The Stewardship Committee was re-instated this year, there will be 5 members elected for 3 year terms. Kirstin Kempel, Joleen Hardy (1 Year), Gene Hajek (1 Year), Dan McKeever (2 Year), Julie Johnson.

Election results: Motion made to pass a unanimous ballot by Stacy McKeever, second made by Kent Johnson. Elected as stated above. No opposed. Motion carried to approve election results.

Presentation of Proposed Budget: Presented by Kris Beck. Budget is on pages 20 & 21. Increases and changes in budget for 2023 were explained by each section. It was noted that the Housing Allowance and Social Security are included in the Health/Pension line item. Salary increase \$5,000 for Pastor was noted. All other staff salary remained the same. The total on the canopy still due is \$26,674.76. Manny Hegle Estate and the GA Foundation will work on paying off that total. New budget total of \$195,310.00 was noted. Motion to approve budget and changes made by Kenwood Peterson, second by Shirley Waloch. No opposed, budget approved.

Annual reports: No additions, comments or changes to reports. A motion made to approve reports by Joleen Hard, and second by Ginger Utecht . No Opposed. Reports Approved.

Proposed resolutions: Resolutions page 25 were reviewed and discussed, new resolutions for 2023 were noted, no changes were made. Moment of silence was taken for those that had passed this last year. Motion to approve made by Mike Larson and second by Joan Peterson. No opposed. Resolutions Approved.

Amended constitution –

Business:

Custodial Duties: Was discussed if it was to be voluntary or to keep it as is. We all need to step up and help out with the cleaning. Discussed reaching out to Sharon Beckstrom as full time, and asking the youth to be more involved. Was discussed to replace Rick at this time. Joan Peterson made motion to look for new custodian. Michelle Ciesynski 2nd. No Opposed, Motion passed.

Continue Discussion on Financial Needs: Stewardship committee will address and continue working on that.

Pastor Time Off Increase: Pastor Jaime is willing to forego her raise this year in return of 2 more weeks (2 Sundays) off of time. Kirstin Kempel made a motion to approve the 2 weeks off, Joan Peterson made a motion to approve. Motion Passed.

Discuss Needs to Update Church and Parsonage: Men's group will replace the emergency exit door in the fellowship hall. The men's bathroom is also a potential update in 2023. Mike Larson has offered to remove the bushes around the church, and the church will do a fundraiser to get donations for the new landscape bushes.

Stewardship Committee: Was reinstated as listed above in election and will meet to discuss the direction that GA needs to take in regards to finances and giving at GA.

Parsonage Appliances: The fridge, stove and dishwasher will need to be replaced.

Change Date of Annual Meeting: Wanting to move it back to February. Motion was made to leave it as is by Kirstin Kempel, Michelle Ciesynski made second. No Opposed. Re-Visit next year.

Thank you: Dennis Dahl, asked to put into the minutes to those who helped with the library room remodel. Barb & Steve Melroe, Rachel & Jason Nelson, Mike Larson, Braylyn Nelson, Larissa Brouillard, Jessica & Tim Peterson, YOGA for the furniture, Bryton & Brendan Ciesynski, and anyone else we may have missed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Larson and second by Ginger Utecht. No Opposed. Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer led by Jaime Decker.