

Ascension Lutheran Church December 13, 2009 Congregation Meeting

Meeting called to order by Council President Marie Wehage.

90 people were in attendance. For motions to pass, 2/3 majority is required = 60.

The meeting has 3 agenda items. 1) Ted Menold will present information about changes in the nominating process 2) Vote to accept the new Vision and Mission statement and 3) Vote to accept the new Constitution and By Laws. There will be a meeting Jan 31, 2010 to approve the budget and elect council members.

Ted outlined the new election process, which is consistent with our new Constitution. The nominating committee consisted of Ted and LuAnn Lane, and they gathered names for consideration for the Jan. 31 meeting. There are still 45 days left, so if someone would like to come forward and put their name in for a council position there is still time, also, names will be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Ted passed out an informational sheet that explained the changes in this process and a chart that shows what positions are open in council next year.

Charles Lane came forward and explained that the votes today are either to accept or reject the Mission and Vision statement and the new Constitution and Bylaws. If they are rejected it's back to the drawing board for both these items. Charles moved to approve the Mission and Vision statements. Seconded by Dick Heinrich. There was no discussion, so ballots were cast. 91 ballots were cast and the Mission and Vision statement passed unanimously.

Charles then let us know that once we move to approve the Constitution, the synod still needs to approve it also. He shared that the group working on this document consisted of himself, Pr. Zane Wilson, Gerry Anderson and Naurine McCormick and they worked very hard on it. Charles moved to approve the Constitution and Bylaws. Terry Halter seconded. During discussion a member asked if it was appropriate that one of the authors of the document move to approve it. The motion was re-stated by Bruce Braaten and seconded again by Terry Halter. After discussion ballots were cast. The motion passed with 92 ballots cast, 89 yes, 1 no and 1 abstain.

Meeting adjourned by Marie Wehage.