

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 26, 2020

President Vernon Harris opened the meeting at 10:46 am. A quorum of 42 members was confirmed by the Secretary. Handouts were given regarding the budget and reports of each of the ministries at ALC. President Harris asked for any comments pertaining to the summation of each of the various ministries.

Sid Nice, representing the Nominating Committee, named the committee's recommendations of Russ Senti for President, Renee Wallace for Vice-President, and Stephen Beyer to continue as Secretary for one more year.

President Harris asked for other nominations from the floor. None were given. Voting then took place.

Russ Senti was elected President with 38 votes and one write-in vote.

Renee Wallace was elected Vice-President with 42 votes (unanimous).

Stephen Beyer was re-elected as Secretary with 42 votes (unanimous) for a one year term.

Treasurer (CFO) Sharon Sledge then reviewed the proposed 2020 budget with the congregation. Questions were entertained. Russ Senti moved to accept the budget of \$254,864 as proposed. Steve Beyer seconded the motion. The budget passed unanimously.

President Harris thanked Sharon Sledge and Fred Swavely for all the work they did to present us with the best budget possible. Sharon Sledge gave her perspective on the dedication of the Leadership Team and especially the outgoing member's work from President Vernon Harris and Vice-President Melissa Leigh. Both were given gift cards as appreciation acknowledgements.

Pastor Brian Deckinger installed the four members of the 2020-21 Leadership Team. Pastor Brian then asked the entire Harris family to come and receive a blessing.

President Harris then talked about ALC's Security issues. He stated the main entry door would be locked each Sunday at 9:45 am and be reopened at the end of Service. Dan Cargill and Allen DeWoody will make up a Security Team which would attend a Seminar and then formulate additional security measures for ALC.

Pastor Brian then closed the meeting at 11:33am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Beyer

ALC Secretary

ALC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ZOOM) APRIL 14, 2020

A quorum of 52 members was verified by Secretary Steve Beyer. The meeting was opened by President Russ Senti at 7:07 pm.

A prayer was said by Pastor Brian Deckinger.

The Leadership Teams moves that Atascocita Lutheran Church apply for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan in the amount of \$27,537.50 as provided by the CARES Act from the Federal Government.

Discussion and questions followed.

A roll call vote was taken by Secretary Steve Beyer. The vote was unanimous to apply for a \$27,537.50 PPP Loan.

Tommy Cook closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Beyer, Secretary

ALC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ZOOM) JULY 21, 2020

A quorum of 35 members was verified by Secretary Steve Beyer. The meeting was opened by President Russ Senti at 7:07 pm. The agenda was reviewed. The opening prayer was given by Pastor Brian Deckinger.

President Senti stated that the meeting was to determine the fate of the \$90,000 received on March 27, 2020 from compensation from the MUD district due to the widening of FM 1960. The recommendation from the Leadership Team was given to all members and displayed during the zoom meeting. There were 8 items for discussion.

President Senti said we would discuss the items and then vote on the proposal put forth by the Leadership Team. Tommy Cook made a motion to amend the motion to take each of the 8 items individually and discuss each of them and vote on them separately. Fred Swavely seconded the amendment. A voice vote was taken and determined by President Senti to be too close to call, so a roll call vote was taken.

Secretary Steve Beyer verified that the amendment passed by a vote of 17 yeas, 14 nays and 2 abstaining.

Treasurer Sharon Sledge then gave a summary of the proposal and a current financial status for ALC. Congregational giving is down about \$8,000 in 2020 from this time in 2019. Much of this is due to a lack of participation and giving from church members due to the COVID epidemic and lack of in-church worship.

Item 1 was to place \$36,000 into the Endowment Fund in order to cover our monthly mortgage for 12 months. Some discussion ensued. Tommy Cook made the motion to move the funds and Peg Swavely seconded. This was easily approved by voice vote.

Item 2 was to repay the Endowment Fund for money removed in February to make payroll and pay bills. Treasurer Sharon Sledge gave the history of the \$10,000 taken from the Endowment Fund. Sid Nice made the motion to move the \$10,000 to the Endowment Fund. Cathy DeWoody seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed easily.

Item 3 is to move \$10,000 to the Endowment Fund for a new air conditioner unit in 2021. Joy Berthold moved that this item be approved. Peg Swavely seconded the motion. The motion easily passed by voice vote.

Item 4 was to hold within the Endowment Fund, \$15,000 for an anticipated operating expense shortfall somewhat due to the Corona virus pandemic. Some concerns were discussed as to what was meant by "operating expenses".

Tommy Cook moved that we move the \$15,000 to the Endowment Fund for operating expenses. Steve Beyer seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The total moved to the Endowment Fund for various reasons was to be \$71,000.

Item 5 was to pay the ECLA Gulf Coast Synod \$7,800. Treasurer Sharon Sledge explained that this would satisfy our commitment of a shortfall of \$2,600 from last year and to pay our commitment of \$5,200 for 2020. Joy Berthold moved to accept this item and Peg Swavely seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Item 6 was to give \$2,500 to Pastor Deckinger for his hard work during the Pandemic. Pastor Deckinger excused himself from the meeting during this discussion and voting. There was some concern as to why we would do this during the current financial time, but it was brought up that Pastor Brian had not gotten the Synod guidelines raise in 2020 although he had received several extra weekdays of vacation days as compensation. Joy Berthold made the motion to give Pastor Deckinger the \$2,500 bonus and Renee Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed easily by voice vote.

Item 7 was to earmark \$1,200 to install doors at the end of the hallway going into the Fellowship Hall in order to control airflow issues and to reduce electricity costs and A/C usage. Judy Cargill and Sharon Sledge gave a summary of what types of doors would work and approximately what the cost would be. Steve Beyer moved that the \$1,200 would be allocated toward the purchase and installation of the doors and Peg Swavely seconded the motion. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Item 8 was to keep \$7,500 in our Woodforest Bank Account to cover any unplanned or building needs that may arise. Discussion focused on what this may include and how it differed from the \$15,000 transfer to the Endowment Fund. Sharon Sledge answered some of those concerns. Sid Nice added that he wanted the lights (currently not working) over the altar to be addressed. The motion was made by Tommy Cook to approve earmarking the \$15,000. Cathy DeWoody seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

President Senti then recognized Sid Nice for all his work to negotiate with the MUD district #132 in acquiring the \$90,000 for ALC. He received an ovation for his work from the members.

Sharon Sledge closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Beyer, Secretary