

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA
2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (VIA ZOOM)
MINUTES**

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Attendance: The attendance sheet is filed in the church office.

Minutes: Janice Nelson (Secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Coughlin (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Michael thanked everyone for attending. He acknowledged that it was good to see Bishop Kathy at service this morning and the acknowledgement of all the work that Church of the Cross does.

As we begin this virtual meeting, we acknowledge with respect and gratitude that we come together virtually, no matter where we are at the moment, on unceded including where I am in Oregon. We recognize our responsibility to work toward greater justice and equity in reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and with respect for these lands.

2. OPENING PRAYER

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The congregation's bylaws state that twenty-five (25) voting members shall constitute a quorum. Jeanie Stann announced that 41 members are in online attendance, enabling Michael Coughlin to declare a quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as circulated. MSC

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 March 7, 2021 AGM

MOTION: That the minutes of March 7th, 2021 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated.
MSC

5.2 April 18, 2021 Special Congregational Meeting (Bylaw Changes)

MOTION: That the minutes of the April 18th, 2021 Special General Meeting be approved as circulated. MSC

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

7. REPORTS

7.1. Pastors' Reports

Pastor Lyndon

Pastor Lyndon thanked everyone for a great year. He is looking forward to all the opportunities in the coming year. There were no questions or comments relating to the co-pastor's report.

Pastor Lyle

Pastor Lyle indicated that it was good to see everyone and to be part of the meeting. He thanked the congregation for the time for rest, renewal and learning during his sabbatical. He has been able to meet with some of his elders and mentors in ministry. He is currently renting a cabin in Saratoga Beach where he is reading and writing. He is focusing on indigenous elder practices and their similarities and differences to ours.

7.2. Chair's Report

Michael indicated that it has been wonderful to work with everyone during the past year. He is hopeful that the church will have a chance to open up and have more time to be together in the coming year.

7.3. 2022 Nominations

7.3.1. Committee Report

Jeanie Stann, and Craig Knight constituted the Nominations Committee. Their report and list of nominees is contained in the Congregational Annual Report distributed before this meeting.

7.3.2. Call for Nominations from the Floor

Jeanie thanked all those people who have let their names stand for election and to those that have completed their terms. With the exception of the Board of Education each Board has a full slate of officers.

The nomination list was corrected to indicate that Karl Maier's term on Board for Community Care will end in 2024 not 3034.

Three times Jeanie Stann called for additional changes, nominees, or volunteers.

Janice Nelson, Char Holcroft and Marta Lefsrud were nominated to the Board of Education.

7.3.3. Motion to Accept Nominations

MOTION: That the slate of nominations be approved as presented. MSC

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

8.1. Report of the Fiscal year ending December 31, 2021

Rory Molnar (Treasurer) led a review of the 2021 Engagement Review conducted by Grant Thornton. It found that the churches financial reporting is appropriate and provides a sound and reliable picture of the finances of the Church. The review identifies a deficit of \$93,315.00. However, this includes an expense of \$116,819.00 for amortization oof the Church's building. This is the amount that the church would have to set aside on an annual basis for the replacement of the building. Grant Thorton has pointed out that no non-profit organization actually does this. Once that amount is backed out of the statements the deficit is actually a surplus of \$24,262.00

MOTION: That the Review Engagement Report from Grant Thornton be accepted. MSC

8.2. 2022 Budget

Rory Molnar led a review of the proposed congregational budget for 2022. Council is projecting a deficit of just over \$20,000. Overall spending is budgeted to decline by just over \$3,000.00. Council is projecting a modest increase of 1.7% in revenue. We will also be seeking out additional revenue by renting space in the church. Giving has increased in each of the last four months.

In January the church made an extra payment of \$13,500 on the Church's mortgage. The mortgage has also been renewed at a rate that is less than 1% higher than our previous rate.

MOTION: That the budget for 2022 be approved as presented. MSC

9. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1. Questions or Comments to the Reports

The Trustees were asked about the relationship with the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. The relationship continues to be very positive and regular meetings are being held. Improvements have been made to lighting around main entrance to the kitchen making it safer in darkened hours.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. CLOSING PRAYER – Pastor Lyndon

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: that the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 MSC

Minutes Confirmed

Chair: _____ Date: _____

Secretary: _____

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