

Minutes of the Church Council

Date: October 27, 2024

Location: Home Church Sanctuary Time:11:15

Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen, presiding chair of the church council, announced that the council was about to commence. She led us in singing “Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice.”

The agenda and copies of the 2023 minutes were distributed to those who wanted them. The agenda and meeting announcements had previously been mailed to all communicant members.

Rev. Tobiassen led the council in prayer.

The chair called the meeting to order. She announced that although associate members, non-communicant members, and nonconfirmed youth were not eligible to vote, they were eligible to speak during the meeting. She reminded the council that only communicant members are eligible to vote and are counted for the purposes of a quorum.

Rev. Tobiassen stated the constitutional requirement that “10 percent of the resident members at the close of the preceding calendar year” must be present to constitute a quorum. She noted that as of December 31, 2023, the resident communicant membership was 734. Rounding up, 75 members equals ten percent.

Ushers performed a count of all communicant members. Head Usher David Holston announced we had a quorum with 131 attending members.

Council Secretary Kate Hix was introduced. Sister Hix has taken the place of Sister Nancy Sherrill, who asked to step down from the position for health reasons.

The Chair reviewed the proposed agenda and announced that now was the time to add any matters to the agenda. As no one had any matters to add to the agenda, the agenda was approved.

Without objection, the chair dispensed with the reading of the 2023 minutes.

The chair appointed as tellers: Mark Goslen, Gigi Goslen, Katrina Bodford, John Dewees, Mary Jane Dewees, Mike Mickey, Melissa Rosebrock, Jim Baucom, Martha Ann Baucom, Bob Hunter and Art Sorensen.

Reporting for the Nominating Committee, co-chair Betty Cole recognized the names of Trustees and Elders who were retiring this year and thanked them for their service. Co-chair Toni Kapp called the names of those who were nominated to replace these positions. The Chair asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. None were named. Ballots were distributed and the vote was opened. When the vote closed, the tellers collected the ballots for counting.

The main reports for the Board of Elders, Board of Trustees and the Director of Christian Formation were included in the information packet we received.

Rev Tobiassen, for the Elders, added thanks to the Elders for their hard work in the call process for associate pastor. She also thanked associate pastor Craig Atwood and the youth representatives, and added thanks to all who helped with the 2023 Candle Tea.

Ann Hall Wauford, for the Trustees, added thanks to the congregation for suggestions for the budget, and to Ted Leinbach, head of the Finance Committee, and Sabrina Maksi, treasurer, for their hard work.

With the singing of the Moravian blessing, the meeting went into recess for lunch.

Following lunch, the tellers reported the results of the board elections:

New Elders elected are Hal Garrison, Ginger Hauser and John Vogler, all for 4-Year terms. The Elder Youth Representative is William Sanders for a 1-Year term.

Trustees elected are Matt Graham, Bennett Perry, and Scott Southerland, all for 4-Year terms. The Trustee Youth Representative is Lilly Green for a 1-Year term.

The Central Board of the Trustees of Salem Congregation is Paul Knouse for a 4-Year term.

Becky Hodges, our director of Christian Formation, went over many of the activities that were in her report. She also announced that Philip Montgomery will be our new Youth Coordinator.

Rev Tobiassen led us in a closing prayer.

The Council was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Hix