

St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 after worship

Present: See sign-in page

Meeting Called to Order by Dennis Magee

1. Opening Prayer by Pastor Thalacker

2. Secretary's Minutes by Kayla Stafford

a. **Approved** by Jerry Mixdorf, **second** by Jeff Seamans

3. President's Report by Dennis Magee

a. Thank you to the congregation

4. Financial Report

a. **Financial Secretary Report** by Jim Mixdorf

i. **General funds total:** \$100,393.59 (FYE 2018)

b. **Treasurer** by Brandy Zuck

i. **Checkbook balance:** \$21,424.92 to ending balance of \$12,017.47

ii. **Savings/memorial balance:** \$19,787.78 to ending balance of \$24,191.04

1. **Approved** by Joe Stafford, **second** by David Lee

5. Committee Reports - None

6. Yearly Budget Report by Brandy Zuck

a. **Approved** by Gary Mixdorf, **second** by Jerry Mixdorf

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

a. Pastor Retirement by Pastor Thalacker

i. Thank you to the congregation and the efforts throughout the year

ii. Good news: Many baptisms. Bad news: Worship attendance down.

iii. Leaving/retirement announcement

1. Flexibility on the date (In 2 months or to end-of-contract date in August)

2. Process: Synod has congregation do a self-study. There may be a period of interim, part- or full-time, contract or not.

iv. Pastor Ericson views his work in conjunction with Pastor Thalacker so will be leaving upon Pastor T's end-of-term

v. Next steps by Jeff Seamans: Contact synod, council discussions, and call committee

1. Call Committee:

a. Dawn Best, Jerry Mixdorf, Jeff Seamans, Kelli Snyder, Kayla Stafford, Quincy Van Thournout, Pam Wright

b. Lenten Service and Supper Discussion by Pastor Thalacker and Dennis Magee

i. WELCA no longer doing suppers on Wednesday nights

1. LYO had not discussed this- Teresa Stafford will talk with LYO students/parents

- ii. Ash Wednesday service and meal will continue
- iii. Lenten services will continue, meals from LYO are to-be-determined at this time

- c. Council Terms to Vote on
 - i. Decan (formerly Dennis Magee), Trustee (formerly Joe Stafford), Financial Secretary (formerly Jim Mixdorf)
 - 1. Denise Pierce for Decan
 - a. General nomination, second by Teresa Stafford
 - 2. Brenda Clark for Financial Secretary
 - a. Pastor Thalacker, second by Dawn Best
 - 3. Joe Stafford for Trustee
 - a. Dawn Best, second by Gary Mixdorf
 - i. All agreed

9. Announcements

Next council meeting will be February 17th after worship

Motion made to adjourn by Dawn Best, second by Jerry Mixdorf

All stood and said The Lord's Prayer