

Draft of LELC Congregational Meeting Minutes June 7, 2020

1. Call to order - President George Swamp called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and established that there was a quorum present of over 50 members via zoom video and phone attendance.

2. Opening Prayer - Pastor Martha began the meeting with a prayer.

3. Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2019 - Deb Jenson moved and Fred Swanson seconded that the congregational meeting minutes from July 14, 2019 and December 15, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

4. Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2019 - Lisa Nienhaus moved and Fred Swanson seconded that the congregational meeting minutes from July 14, 2019 and December 15, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

5. Ministry Evaluation Task Force Recommendations - Lesta Searles summarized the findings and recommendations that were discussed in detail at last week's congregational listening session. Lesta addressed several questions from congregational members regarding some of the recommendations. Moved by council to approve the ministry evaluation task force recommendations as presented to the congregation in today's meeting. After further discussion, motion carried.

6. Call Committee - George introduced each Call Committee nominee to say a few words of introduction to the congregation. Moved by council that the congregation appoint Gary Bushland, Kaelin Fontaine, Katrina Lorfeld, Deb Jenson, Kay Simmons, Julianne Brown, Lisa Nienhaus and Jim St. Vincent to the call committee. After asking for discussion, the motion carried.

7. Treasurer's report - Treasurer Dan Schultz presented the financial dashboard as of April 30 to the congregation for informational purposes. He also provided an update on refinancing our loan at a lower interest rate for the same term, which will save us approximately \$80,000 over the next ten years. At the pace of our current debt reduction efforts, gifts committee matching, and the refinancing, we could pay off our loan within the next 10 years.

8. Closing Prayer - Pastor Martha offered a prayer to close our congregational meeting.

9. Adjournment - Jan Etnier moved and Mary Davis Smith seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Recorded by Jim St. Vincent, President Elect