

**Ascension Lutheran Church  
Regularly Called Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, June 25, 2017**

**Call To Order:** The Regularly Called Congregational Meeting was called to order by Todd Klipp at 12:03 pm.

**We Believe**

**Mission Statement of Ascension Lutheran Church:** *We are called to create opportunities for all people to become devoted followers of Christ.*

**Motto:** *Invite-Grow-Serve*

**Opening Devotion: Pastor Tim**

The bottom-line question is “Is God Faithful?” The answer is always “Yes.” He continued with reading from Jeremiah 3:20 “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases....”

**Approval of Agenda**

*A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.*

**Unfinished Business**

**1. Presentation and discussion of Capital Improvement Projects for Church Year 17-21.**

Pastor Paul reviewed that the Capital Campaign is to raise the funds to do the projects we want to do. The campaign will determine which projects are done. The first thing we will do is refurbish the Sanctuary including the west narthex, replacing pews, redoing flooring, painting, redoing the sound system, redoing the lighting, installing a ramp to Founders’ Hall, replacing one set of organ pipes and renovating the bathrooms. The first thing we plan to do this summer with some existing worship funds is to expand the chancel platform. The remaining refurbishing will start in the spring after Easter and when Capital Campaign funds are available.

Bob Woodward reviewed the work of the Master Plan Implementation Team including information on the projects and working with the city for the necessary approvals and permits. Pam Musburger reviewed the need for the Early Childhood Center and shared that the Ventura County Star called to say that ALECC had been chosen as the best Early Childhood Center in the Conejo Valley. People are attracted to us because of our Christ-centered community and the Nature Explorer Program.

Bob confirmed that the garden is a part of the Master Plan including a teaching garden and community garden. He reviewed the project budget, timeline and construction schedule.

Kaylee reviewed current debt and possibilities for some debt retirement.

This information is included in the Congregational Meeting Packet and Master Plan Packet that may be found in the News & Announcements area at the bottom of the front page of our website, [alcto.org](http://alcto.org).

*A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the nominees for President-Elect -- Carol Bartell, School Board members -- Greg Korshavn and Susan Hall and Property Chair -- Chuck Heinrich.*

#### **New Business**

1. Review minutes from 4 June 2017 Special Congregation Meeting

*A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the review of the 4 June Special Congregation Meeting minutes for approval by the Congregation on June 25.*

2. MPIT budget for capital project design efforts and beyond (i.e. preliminary planning and environmental documentation). – moved to after Open Forum
3. “Mission Possible” (theme for our upcoming Capital Campaign) budget financing (i.e. Hosted events, publicity materials, consultant fees, DVD, etc.)

Funding for hosted events, publicity materials, etc. will be covered by borrowing from reserve funds until they are reimbursed by the Capital Campaign funds.

Add to Action Tracker for July to approve \$35,000 from PY 16-17 surplus to go to the Reserve Fund.

#### **Recurring Business**

1. *Baptisms for May – none*
2. *New Members for May*

*A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept new members and reinstatements as listed on page 44 of the Council Packet.*

#### **Information Items**

1. The next council meeting is July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm.
2. Devotion/Refreshments – TBD

#### **Closing Prayer**

Pastor Tim thanked those leaving Council and provided the closing prayer.

*A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 10:12 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Burgert*

#### New Members and Reinstatements for the Month of May 2017

Josie Becker

Marilyn Haefner

John Kelly

Jeff & Amy Moss and Preston

Lawrence Cummings – reinstatement

Paulette Cummings – reinstatement

## **Approval of Minutes of Previous Congregation Meeting**

### **1. June 4<sup>th</sup> Special Congregation Meeting Minutes**

*A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup> Special Congregation Meeting.*

## **Election of Leadership Positions for Church Year 17-18**

- 1. Election of candidates as nominated by the Nominating Committee for offices on the Congregational Council, chair of the Standing Committees and board members of the various divisions of the Congregation and other positions required by the Constitution and Bylaws.**

*A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to waive the written ballot of the election of leadership positions.*

President-Elect	Carol Bartell
Secretary	Rachel Bowen
Council Member At Large	Brian Festerling
Nominating Committee	Karsten Lundring
	Amanda Berg
	Susie Smuck
	Marisa Festerling
	Judy Halweg
	Chris Feist
Property Management	Chuck Heinrich
Joy of Giving	Don Meyer
Worship Committee	Ken Caudill
Community Concerns	Karen Guetschoff
	Julia White
Youth Committee Co-Chair	Disa Gause
Foundation Board	Jim Neumann
School Board	Greg Korshavn
	Julie Herder
	Marcel Harner
	Susan Hall
Global Ministry Team	Carol Bjelland
	Susan Maliski

*A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the nominees for the upcoming 2017-18 church year.*

## **Presentation of Ministry Objectives for Church Year 17-18**

Pastor Tim shared the following Ministry Objectives for the coming church year.

1. Increase worship attendance.
2. Do the capital campaign well.
3. Create a review process for our church staff.
4. Call a third pastor.
5. Live into the Vision.

### **Presentation and Approval of Proposed Budget for Church Year 17-18**

Kaylee presented the budget for Ascension Lutheran Church and Ascension Lutheran Foundation. Pam Galster presented the Ascension Lutheran School budget.

*A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the budgets of the Church, School and Foundation for the 2017-2018 Church Year.*

### **New Business – None**

### **Information Items**

Todd thanked the congregation for the opportunity to serve as President for the past year. He also thanked the Church Council, School, Foundation and pastors and staff. He is taking on the role as Capital Campaign Chairman.

The theme for the Capital Campaign is “Mission Possible.” We go back to the Vision process as we continue to moved forward. Matthew 19:26: “And Jesus looked at them and said ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible’.”

Sherith Squires was introduced as the incoming president.

### **Closing Comments and Prayer – Pastor Tim**

“For such a time as this” – the great refrain from the Book of Esther. Todd was our president “For such a time as this.” Pastor Tim presented Todd with a gavel with gratitude and thanks for all the work he has done. Pastor Tim continued with prayer.

### **1. Adjourn**

Todd Klipp adjourned the meeting at 2:41 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Burgert*