

**Aurora Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2017**

The 2016 annual meeting of Aurora Lutheran Church was held on January 29, 2017 after the church service. President Angie Jensen presided.

Pastor Stephanie led us in prayer

Minutes from the 2015 annual meeting held on January 31, 2016 were approved as read.

Pastors Report:

The funds we collected to buy a cow purchased 1+ cows
There are 11 confirmation students this year.

Treasurers Report:

Stan Norland reviewed 2016 financial results
2016 financial reports were approved subject to audit

Brett Paape presented the proposed 2017 budget

Aurora total expenses = 85,992.04 (Aurora exp 37,384 + 75% of joint budget 48,608.04)

2016 budget was approved as presented – Thanks Brett

Trustee Report:

- Removed carpet at the parsonage as it got wet during flooding in September
- Flooding at church – cleaned water and bought dehumidifier
- 2 drain spouts at church need fixing this spring

Unfinished business:

- Culligan is figured out with the softener and the bill
- Bjoraker Land: Is not sold yet. They want Aurora to pay part of the closing costs- they were told that this would not happen. Congregation was in agreement
- Parking Lot: We have bids and this will be getting done this spring as soon as ground is good to go. Funding will come from fundraisers, Bjoraker account, and a loan from our savings that WILL need to be paid back. Nathelle checking on a possible grant also. Would not be a big grant but would help.
- Kitchen Floor project: Kevin Klouse doing the floor. It will be colored cement with a sealer. Cost is apx \$4,625 and is being covered by WELCA and memorial. The floor will be done Feb/March for Lent.

New Business:

- Mission Committee: See annual report – taking a break.
- Emergency Fund: Local aide is \$1000. Discussed options for using the money. It was put back at the council's discretion to use @church or for ministerial group in Owatonna.
- Lenten Soup Suppers: Roberta and Jeanne are working on this. Watch for details.

-Cemetery Care: Ash trees are dying, what do we do? Discussed planting new ones.
Returned to council to decide.

-Parsonage Improvements:

Sump Pump, Office needs flooring, Landscaping in back, Eaves covers

-Church Improvements: Landscaping around church, Trees, Eaves

- Discussed ACH and how easy it is to do.

Audit 2016 financials: Jodi Keck and Kay Klemmer volunteered to do this.

2016 Ballot was approved as presented: Thanks to Marcia and Dave for the ballot

President: Angie Jensen

Vice President: Tim Johnson

Secretary: Sara Pichner

Treasurer: Stan Norland

Financial Secretary: Nathelle Beadell

Trustee: Ryan Criddle

Deacon: April Prestegard

Board of Ed: Jackie Larson

Worship Committee: Jodi Keck

Head Usher: Curtis Jensen

Nominating Committee: Theona Lewison and Mark Prestegard

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Jodi Keck – Secretary for the day