

Aurora Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2018

The 2017 annual meeting of Aurora Lutheran Church was held on February 11, 2018 after the church service. President Angie Jensen presided.

- ❖ Pastor Stephanie led us in prayer.
- ❖ Minutes from 2016 annual meeting held on January 29, 2017 were approved as read.
- ❖ Pastor's Stephanie recapped the 2017 year.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report: Stan Norland reviewed the 2017 financial results.
  - 2017 Financial reports approved subject to Audit
- ❖ Ryan Larson presented the proposed 2018 Budget.
  - Aurora total expenses=\$87,201.36 (includes Aurora's 75% of joint expense \$52,276.36 plus Aurora only expense \$34.925)
  - Ryan explained the new Synod guidelines for FICA (social security) taxes. The 2018 budget includes a 5% allowance for FICA tax reimbursement to the Pastor. Total is \$1,950, of which Aurora's portion is \$1,462.50.
  - 2018 Budget was approved as presented.
- ❖ Ryan Criddle gave the Trustee Report.
  - The ongoing Parsonage project list includes: sump discharge, weed patches, replace or install covers on gutters, hole in closet ceiling, part of the paneling was removed in the basement, earwig bugs, water softener hose was fixed, and fix the back door staircase.
  - The church projects completed in 2017 are: changed thermostats, spring clean-up, bushes pulled out, shed was shingled, and the kitchen floor was redone.
- ❖ Review of 2017 events/projects:
  - Bjoraker Land: We need to discuss how the funds from the Bjoraker interest will be used or distributed. This is decided every three years and was last voted on to start in 2015. A motion was made for the total amount of Bjoraker interest to be paid back to Aurora savings account for the next three years. Motion made and carried. We will review this again in three years.
  - We still owe ourselves ~ \$17,000 for the parking lot repairs. This is the amount that wasn't covered by fundraisers or donations. Discussed additional fundraisers to help offset the costs. Fundraiser ideas were: Fareway roundup campaign – Jeanne Pichner will investigate, Sherriff's Posse, Keck's Car Wash, Cash Wise Food Stand.
  - The kitchen floor project is done. There are a couple spots with issues. The distributor came and look at them and he has a plan to correct it.
  - The Aurora Council had a retreat in early 2017 and set goals for the year. Pastor Stephanie recapped the Council goals and progress on them in 2017.
- ❖ New Business:
  - Thank you to Jodi Keck for taking on the Lent soup suppers this year.

- Trinity decided at their annual meeting to start having conversations about closing their doors. They want to give Aurora one year's notice before choosing to close. Trinity has been averaging 14 active members. The plan is to start the conversations during the Lent season.
  - Thrivent Funds. Reminder that Thrivent members can assign choice dollars to Aurora. \$1,673 was received last year from choice dollars. We also received \$1,250 from Thrivent last year; \$250 donated to the car show food truck, \$500 donated to the Diner, and \$500 for Oyster Chili supper.
  - Hope in Christ is focused on rural or smaller congregations struggling to maintain their size. The Synod put together sessions to help congregations plan forward or to get help with the future of their congregation. The cost is about \$500 and the process takes about 6 months. The first step is to do a survey, which is sent out to get feedback to decide what to do in the future or set goals to address. Motion made to pay \$500 to start the Hope in Christ process and move forward with it. Motion approved.
    - Discussion on the topic.
      - We need a committee for this.
      - It is up to the council's discretion how to pay for it.
      - We need everyone to complete the survey.
      - We may not start the process immediately – it depends how Trinity's conversations go.
  - New ushering procedure. It is getting harder to get people to commit to a full month of ushering. Several different options were discussed. It was decided to assign families to weeks based on alphabetical listing. Jodi Keck will coordinate and aim to start on March 1, 2018.
  - Volunteers are needed to audit the 2017 financial records. Heather Larson and Jodi Keck volunteered to complete the audit.
- ❖ 2018 Ballots were handed out and voting completed. Results of the vote was:
- President – Angie Jensen
  - Vice President – Kay Klemmer
  - Secretary – Sara Quiggle
  - Treasurer – Stan Norland
  - Financial Secretary – Lindsey Maher
  - Trustee – Mark Prestegard
  - Deacon – Crystal Ripka
  - Board of Ed – Melissa Rosecke
  - Worship Committee – Jeanne Pichner
  - Nominating Committee – Michelle Williams and Nicki Jensen

❖ Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted  
Sara Quiggle - Secretary