Annual Meeting Minutes- July 29, 2019

17 Commissioned Ambassadors physically attended-August Happel, Aaron Fosse, Jim Meyer, Timothy Baker, Julia Baker, Jamie Louderback, Aaron Figgemeier, Joseph Fosse, Beth Fosse, Martin Happel, Kristian Fosse, Sandra Hernandez, Adam Fosse, Jacob Fosse, Mark Giardinelli, Katrina Jurica, Mark Triplett

3 Commissioned Ambassadors electronically attended-Pastor Nehrt, Rebecca Nehrt, Michael Ruhlig

Board of Directors meeting opened at 10:30 AM-called to order by Pastor Mark Triplett

The issue on the table is that there is no chair of the board

Sandra Hernandez nominated Jim Meyer to chair the board

Jim declined the nomination

Sandra Hernandez nominated Aaron Figgemeir to chair the board

Aaron accepted the nomination

Aaron Figgemeir nominated Jacob Fosse to chair the board

Jacob Fosse accepted the nomination

Jacob Fosse nominated Pastor Mark Triplett to chair the board

Pastor Mark Triplett accepted the nomination

The vote was unanimous for Pastor Mark Triplett to act as the chair of the board of directors in order to chair the Annual Meeting.

Pastor Mark Triplett moved to close the Board of Directors meeting.

Sandra seconded the motion

The board of directors meeting was closed at 10:40 am.

Jacob led the board in prayer.

Pastor Mark Triplett called to order the annual meeting of the Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ at 10:40 am.

Opening Prayer was led by Jim Meyer

Point of order-digitally attending members-will the people attending digitally have a vote at the annual meeting

Jacob Fosse moved to allow for people who are attending the meeting digitally to have a vote

for this one meeting

Aaron Figgemeier seconded the motion

Opened the floor to discussion

Martin Happel posed the question how they would vote

Pastor Mark Triplett stated that they would raise their hand and say “aye” or “nay”

Adam Fosse posed the question of if it would set a precedence

Rebecca stated that in the past board meetings it has been allowed

Kristian stated that Pastor Mike Ruhlig is medically unable to attend the meeting

Rebecca stated the attending digitally is something that Deaconess Krans did

recommend this allowance

Motion carries with 16 ayes and 1 nay

Financial Report

Prepared by Rebecca Nehrt

Read by Sandra Hernandez

As of May 31, 2019 $62,499.30 in Bradford National Bank

As of March 31, 2019 $56,753.99 in Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Katrina Jurica moved that we approve the report as written

Mark Giardinelli seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

$841 collected to date from the host churches for Summer Training

Executive Directors’ Report

Conventions

-Adam Fosse was asked to fulfill many of the duties of the director at the

January meeting.. Adam attended the National Youth Gathering and Convention. He led workshops and attended weekends. Sandra and Rebecca represented us at the LWML convention. Katrina attended the English District convention. Adam makes sure that all material is run by an LCMS Pastor. Adam has worked to encourage directors in leading groups. Adam has communicated with potential leaders in the hopes of establishing other groups. Adam has published the Crier every month. Adam helped plan summer training. Adam has worked to develop new resources.

Vision

Constitution Report

Katrina Jurica presented the Constitution and By-laws and explained the changes

Pastor Mark Triplett called a point of order. He stated that in Article VII-Officers, we were not in compliance with the requirements of the State of Illinois. Therefore, the Article VII changes were struck.

Jim Meyer moved to accept the Constitution and By-laws as read

Martin Happel moved to second

Pastor Nehrt proposed a friendly amendment:

Bylaw Article 2, Section 1 to read, “The board of directors shall consist of a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 voting members and include 3 advisory members

1. The voting members shall be the three officers, namely, the chairmen of the board, the secretary, and the treasurer; and include a minimum of two ministers of religion--ordained, two ministers of religion--commissioned, two lay persons, and one evangelism expert. All of these directors must be older than 21.

c. The advisory members shall be one youth male and one youth female (between and including the ages of 16 and 21 on the day of the election), (TAKE OUT - the treasurer), and the business manager.

Bylaw Section 3. C. The term for the (TAKE OUT - advisory) treasurer and business manager shall be filled indeterminably on a volunteer basis with the understanding that the corporation remains in the state where the organization is housed.

Pastor Michael Ruhlig seconded the motion

The Nehrts presented the fact that it is common practice for the treasurer to have a vote on the board. The treasurer would have more of a connection and a say being on the board of directors in the decisions that are made.

Kristian Fosse stated that as our constitutional changes read, the board of directors is elected and the treasurer is selected from the board (as is the chair of the board and the secretary).

He also stated concern that the term for the treasurer and business manager shall be filled indeterminably. There is a conflict if there is no term limit but selected from the board of directors.

Rebecca stated that when she came onto the board as treasurer, it was stated that the treasurer would be on the board of directors for an indeterminable amount of time. This is because it requires a change within the corporation, banking, etc., every time there is a new treasurer. She has been the treasurer since 2014. She also stated that it had nothing to do with the friendly amendment.

Pastor asked how the lack of term limits when in Article VII it states that the treasurer shall be decided upon the Board of Directors.

Rebecca stated that it has not been the practice for years to select the treasurer from the board. She believes that Section 3 c was added to the bylaws to address that.

Kristian asked how most church bodies handle the changing of the treasurer.

Rebecca stated that the treasurer has always had a vote and it is listed in the constitution.

Pastor Triplett asked for where it says that in the constitution.

Rebecca stated that Article VII states that the treasurer is decided upon by the Board of Directors.

Pastor Triplett stated that by-laws Article III Section 1-The officers shall be elected by a vote of the Board of Directors following the Summer Training Annual Meeting.

Kristian stated that we are all in agreement that the treasurer have a vote. His concern is why the treasurer would have an interminable term limit.

Pastor Triplett called this to a vote

3 voted for

4 voted against

All else abstained

Pastor Triplett called for a clarification in the room

Pastor Nehrt stated that there are times that because of the discussion that needs to happen between the treasurer and the board

Pastor Ruhlig shared that in previous congregations, the treasurer was appointed every two years

Pastor Triplett called for a vote

9 ayes

10 opposed

Kristian Fosse proposed that we take a recess at 12:23 pm

Pastor Triplett proposed that we re-convence at 3:00 pm

Pastor Triplett asked for a motion that we re-convene at 3:40

Katrina moved that we re-convene

Jamie seconded

Pastor asked that we look at Article VIII of the Constitution. Section 3 should have a number 2. Section number 2 will be changed to section 3. Section 4 would be an addition and would move from the old bylaws, Article II section 2.

Pastor Triplett moved that we make this a friendly amendment to the constitutional changes.

Kristian Fosse seconded.

Kristian clarified that it is purely a cut-paste from the old constitution.

Pastor Triplett asked for a vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

Kristian Fosse proposed a new friendly amendment to the constitutional changes.

It would read:

Modify bylaw: Article II-1-a-The voting members shall be the three officers, namely, the chairman of the board, the secretary, and the treasurer; and include a minimum of two ministers of religion--ordained, two ministers of religion--commissioned, two lay persons, and one evangelism expert. All of these directors must be older than 21.

Modify Article II-1-c-The advisory members shall be one youth male and one youth female (between and including the ages of 16 and 21 on the day of the election), and the business manager.

Modify Article II-4-c-The term for the business manager shall be filled interminably on a volunteer basis with the understanding that the corporation remains in the state where the organization is housed.

Pastor Nehrt seconded the motion

Pastor Triplett called to a vote the friendly amendment

Motion passed unanimously

Pastor Triplett called to a vote the changes to the constitution with the friendly amendments to a vote

Motion passed unanimously

Pastor Triplett introduced the 2019 Travel Team, which consists of Jamie Louderback, Katrina Jurica, Adam Fosse, Aaron Fosse, Jacob Fosse, Joseph Fosse

Pastor recognized the outgoing Board of Directors members-Jamie Louderback, Ethan Boester, Kailey Bales, Jacob Fosse, Devin Brammeier

Pastor announced the election results-

Pastoral Advisor is Pastor Michael Ruhlig

Female Adult Advisor is Katrina Jurica

Female Youth Honorary Advisor is Mikayla Brammeier

The new board members were installed

Pastor Triplett brought to the floor the proposal that LCEF has put forth

Pastor Triplett made the motion that Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ come alongside Lutheran Church Extension Fund and accept their proposal of assistance to our organization for discovery, clarity, and development at the cost of $20,000, with the first payment being $2,000 and each month following for 24 months with payment being $750, understanding that the terms may be negotiable and that our board of directors will be dealing with the affairs of the organization.

Sandra seconded the motion.

Pastor Triplett brought the motion to a vote

Motion passed unanimously.

Sandra brought up the fact that in the past, speakers have received payment or supplemented their registration cost. The Bakers would receive the gift of free attendance at Summer Training this year.

Katrina Jurica moved that we reimburse them to the effect of giving them free attendance and mileage reimbursement.

Aaron Figgemeier seconded the motion

Pastor Triplett brought the motion to a vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

Aaron Fosse moved that we adjourn the meeting

Joseph Fosse seconded

Motion passed.

The assembly closed by singing the Doxology.