

Annual Voters' Meeting Minutes

A. Meeting Call to Order / Roll Call. *(All voters sign in.)* Time 10:12 am.

Present (P) Absent (A) Excused (E)

P Pastor Sullivan

P Glenn Brunner (President)

P Paul Jerabek (Secretary)

P Dan Fager (Elders)

P Brian Dax (YCE)

P Greg Hlinak (Property)

P Lloyd Nimmer (Evangelism)

P Jack Novak (Treasurer)

31 present of which 19 are voting members and Pastor

B. Opening Prayer by Pastor Sullivan.

C. Reading of previous meeting minutes. Motion: Waive reading of the previous Voter's Meeting Minutes and approve as sent. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

D. Membership Changes. There were no membership changes since the October Voters' Meeting.

E. Pastor / Board / Financial Reports. See the 2015 Annual Report.

1. Treasurer's Report

a. Review/Approve 2015 Report. Motion: Approve the 2015 Financial Report. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

b. Review/Approve 2016 Annual Budget.

Comment: "Jack is doing a great job." Motion: Approve the 2016 Budget at \$244,000. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

2. Pastor

3. Elders

- Dan Fager at 2nd term will be stepping down as chairman.
- Amazing group for 150th Anniversary Committee.
- Thank Julie for the newsletter.
- Be forgetful on purpose. Leave the "Forward in Christ" or Church Bulletin in different locations around town.

Question: "How much do we outreach to the community?" Answer: "Would love to see us hitting more community events as a group. We don't take opportunities to meet."

4. YCE

Goals – Attempt to increase Christian School enrollment.

Comment: "We will send letters out to parents to find out why they don't send their children."

- Fill the vacancy in our Sunday School Teaching Crew.

Comments: "No one is too old or too young to teach." "Think of partnering with someone to teach."

5. Property

6. Evangelism

Comment: "We have Friendship Registers. We'd like to see every family put down their addresses. So that the visitors put down their addresses."

7. Committee Reports

a. Planned Giving Committee. Review/Approve Planned Giving Table.

Contact WELS rep and see if he can come and give a presentation to the congregation.
Might be next year.

Discussion on the Planned Giving Table. Anything can be put on the table, but we have to focus on priority. Not everything is on the table. It's what the Council wants. Pastor's comment: "Got started with people asking at funerals where memorial money is needed.

Comment: "If a person is unsure, just give to General Improvement Fund."

Question: "Pastor's sink not mentioned in report?" Much discussion.

Question: "Money given directly to MLHS or WELS, does the Church get credit?"

Answer: "It won't show up on our report, but it would be listed under WELS."

Motion: To approve all reports. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

F. Unfinished Business.

1. Organ Repairs. Discussed.

G. Recommendations of the Church Council and New Business.

1. Discuss/Approve joining the Manitowoc Lutheran HS Federation. Discussed.

Jason Belter and Brian Dax will be joining Glenn Brunner and Christian Richard as delegates.

Much discussion. Question: "Does this affect tuition?" Answer: "Unsure."

Motion: To Join MLHS Federation. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

2. Discuss/Approve Student Aid Policy IL 15-001. Discussed.

Motion: To adopt Policy IL-15-001. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

3. Discuss/Approve Board Goals. Discussed.

Motion: Accept 2016 Goals. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

4. Consider Congregational emphasis/goals for 2016.

a. Establish Visitation Ministry.

b. Increase Christian School Enrollment.

Discussed. Comment: "Hard to get others to come when we can't get our own members to attend."

H. Elections/Ratification of Appointments. See attached ballot below.

Motion: To approve the Board Ballot. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the Council Ballot. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the Appointments. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

I. Adjournment with Prayer. Time 11:42 am.

Ballot for 2016 Boards and Church Council

BOARD BALLOT

NOMINEE (S)

ELDERS: **Dan Fager***, Scott Kieckbusch, Richard Stuebs,
Greg Habeck, Lloyd Nimmer, Robert Heiter

Richard Stuebs
Greg Habeck
Lloyd Nimmer
Robert Heiter

EVANG: Lloyd Nimmer*, Jacob Hlinak, David Hlinak,
Pastor Ken Kratz, **Lou Richard**

Lou Richard

YCE: **Brian Dax***, David Chadoir, Chris Richard

Brian Dax
Jason Belter

PROPERTY: Greg Hlinak*, **Gary Hardtke, Fred Steffen,**
Jeff Christian, Jason Karnopp, Steve Ihlenfeldt

Fred Steffen
Brian Ihlenfeldt

* Denotes present Chairman

Name in **Bold**: That position is up for election/reelection.

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CHURCH COUNCIL BALLOT

PRESIDENT: Glenn Brunner

SECRETARY: **Paul Jerabek**

Scott Karnitz

ELDERS: **Dan Fager**

Richard Stuebs

EVANGELISM: Lloyd Nimmer

YCE: **Brian Dax**

Brian Dax

PROPERTY: Greg Hlinak

TREASURER: Jack Novak

Name in **Bold**: That position is up for election/reelection.

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NOTES/INFORMATION:

The following members served as the Nominating Committee: Pastor Sullivan, Glenn Brunner, Dan Fager, Richard Stuebs, Lou Richard, and Robert Cox (Recorder)

Boards are not limited to three people. Three is the minimum required by the Constitution and Bylaws.

If you feel a person is qualified for the position vote YES. Because of the small number of people nominated for some positions and the need for workers you may not be asked to choose between individuals. Regardless of the number of nominees, if you don't feel a person is qualified, vote NO. (Please bring your concerns up during discussion prior to the vote.)

Choosing between individuals would normally be required for a chairman position, President and Secretary, but if we only had one volunteer, the Nom Committee only offered one person. If you don't feel the person is qualified, vote NO. (Please bring your concerns up during discussion prior to the vote.)

2016 Appointments (Require Voter approval)

Athletic (Prop) Greta Bloniarz, Brian Dax, Lou Richard, Gerald and Nancy Kolmorgen, Annette Teske, Tonya Fenendael, Rachel Christian, Kathy Gerdmann, Shirley Prodell, Richard Stuebs, Kathy Vanness

Auditing (Pres) Brian Dax, Teresa Bortolini, Bob Cox, Maynard Kuehl, Lloyd Nimmer

CWCC (CC) **Richard Stuebs (Chair)**; Glenn Brunner (2018); Greg Hlinak (2017); **Diane Kratz (2019)**

NOTE: Unlike other appointments, CWCC members are appointed to three-year terms just like board members.

Finance (FS/CC) Julie Siegmund, Gerald Kolmorgen, Charlie Novak, Scott Kieckbusch, Robert Cox, Richard Stuebs

Financial Sec (CC) Julie Siegmund

Secretary (CC) Julie Siegmund

MLHS Del (CC) Glenn Brunner, Chris Richard, Brian Dax, Jason Belter, and Pastor Sullivan

Plan Giving (E) Charlie Novak, Lou Richard, Larry Schneider, David Siegmund

Property (Prop) Bob Cox, Jean Klemish, G & N Kolmorgen, Paul Nimmer, Glenn Teske

Treasurer (CC) Jack Novak, Charlie Novak (Assistant)

Synod Del (CC) Glenn Brunner, Bob Cox (Alternate)

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2016 Nomination (CC) Members appointed annually by the President and ratified at the July Voters' meeting.

Pastor Sullivan, Glenn Brunner, Dan Fager, Lou Richard, Richard Stuebs, Bob Cox (Recorder)

2016 Constitution (Pres) Pastor Sullivan, Glenn Brunner, Wayne Kittell, Julie Siegmund, Dan Fager, Richard Stuebs