

**GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING  
January 21, 2007**

**DEVOTIONS, SINGING, AND PRAYER**

The congregation re-gathered after a short break after the worship service. President Elaine Von Almen presided and directed attention to devotions singing and prayer printed on the inside of the front cover of the annual reports to the congregation.

**QUORUM CALL**

After devotions the congregation was directed to sound out numbers for voting members present to determine a quorum by actual count of those present. The sound out of voting members present determined the actual count number to be fifty five, more than the required predetermined number of twenty nine needed for a quorum.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Elaine then asked for a motion to accept the agenda written by Elaine as the recording secretary for that year and as provided in the annual reports folder for the meeting. Randy Vates made such motion. The motion was seconded by Barb Banek. Elaine asked if there was any more discussion. No more discussion was heard. Elaine asked for a voice vote with all accepting to sound out "aye". Ayes were heard. All opposed were asked to sound out "nay". No nays were heard. Elaine asked if there were any abstentions. None being heard, the motion to accept the quorum was voted on and result was declared as unanimous.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Elaine then asked Eric Socin to read aloud the minutes of the congregation meeting for January 22, 2006. The minutes were read aloud. Elaine then asked that the minutes be approved. A motion to accept the minutes as read was heard from Frankie Schiller. The motion was seconded by Barb Banek. With call for any further discussion, Pam Hawkins inquired about the minutes from the special congregation meeting held in June (Sunday, June 11, 2006 9:00 am). Elaine stated that providing these minutes in the annual reports was overlooked. The minutes for this meeting were posted in the glass hallway and were only approved by council. Elaine also stated that anyone requesting a copy of these minutes would be provided with such. Note: The recording secretary also overlooked this detail for the annual reports and has two printed copies in hand at the time of writing these minutes (Jan. 25) to be hand delivered to Elaine and Pam. With no further discussion being heard Elaine asked for a voice vote to approve the minutes as read. Voice vote was unanimous with no nays or abstentions being heard.

### **SLATE AND VOTE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Next on the agenda was the slate of new council members. Elaine asked that a voice vote be done for the slate of new council members and asked if anybody objected to the procedure. No objection was heard. Elaine also asked if there were any further nominations of council members to be heard from the floor. No nominations were heard, but note of the spelling of the name Roland Jahnke as being correct was made and not "Ronald". With no other nomination or discussion being heard from the floor, Elaine accepted a motion from Fran Abatie to approve the slate of nominations as provided in the annual reports and made by the nominating committee. The motion was seconded by Ray Hansen. Again the question of further discussion was put the congregation. No discussion being heard a voice vote was called as in previous procedure and was declared unanimous in favor of the motion. For the record here and previously elaborated on by Elaine, the slate of nominations voted on call for Roland Jahnke to continue on council through 2009 and for new council members to be Carol Lynn Brechner, Karen Hawkins, and Richard Schwartz.

### **APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

Elaine asked for a voice vote to approve delegates and alternates. Also asked again was if anyone objected or wanted a paper ballot. With no objection heard, Lois Boyd made a motion to accept the delegates and alternates for synod assembly as provided in the annual reports by the nominating committee. Fran Abatie seconded the motion. A voice vote was called which passed unanimously. For the record the delegates for assembly as listed are Donna Antal and Richard Schwartz. Alternates listed are Russ McLeod and Eric Socin.

### **APPROVAL OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Listed in the annual reports as nominated for the nomination committee are Adrienne Bakker, Bob Covault, Pam Hawkins, John Popka, Eric Socin and Rebecca Tutto. Again, as in previous procedure, Elaine asked for a voice vote to approve the nominations. With no objection being heard, such motion was heard from the floor by Elaine Van Proyen and accepted by Elaine Von Almen. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Soderquist. A voice vote was called and carried unanimously.

## **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET**

The floor was turn over to Jerry Soderquist. Jerry had some comments to make before turning to the floor for questions. These comments are listed and paraphrased for content here. 1) The first comment gave explanation that for pastoral expenses, IRS tax rules are taken advantage of and on behalf of the pastor in showing the calculated housing, (using synod guidelines for paying a pastor) as salary and showing salary as housing allowance in the budget. 2) The second comment was that increase is shown in the budget for pastoral expense because allowance is made for employment of a full time pastor for the first time in two years. 3) A third comment was made that only six months of medical insurance is shown in the budget because presently Pastor Howard has waived medical insurance in his contract as he is otherwise already covered. If a new pastor is called before July, then the budget will be short for that added expense. 4) The last comment was that there is a need for money counters. Deanna Jahnke let it be known at this time that the finance committee has found enough volunteers for counting. Jerry thanked the finance committee for seeing that this was done. Jerry then asked if there were any more questions from the floor and expressed after hearing no questions "it can't be this easy." The floor was turned back over to Elaine Von Almen.

Again Elaine asked for a voice vote and also asked if there was any objection or if anyone would prefer a paper ballot. No objection was heard and Elaine entertained the floor for a motion to pass the budget as provided in the annual reports folder. Such motion was heard from Garrot Zandstra and was seconded by Barb Banak. Voice vote was called for by Elaine with no call for any further discussion being made and none heard. Voice vote was unanimous in favor with no abstentions.

## **APPROVAL OF THE CONGREGATION CONSTITUTION MARK UP**

The floor was turned over to Eric Socin to read the minutes of the Special Congregation Meeting on January 14, 2007. The minutes were read aloud as provided in the Annual Reports to the congregation. The floor was turned back over to Elaine Von Almen who then entertained a motion to accept the minutes as read to the congregation. Doris Boldt made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Fran Abatie seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and passed unanimously.

After the minutes were approved, Elaine called for a volunteer to read the motion aloud for omnibus passage of the mark up. Randy Vates volunteered to read and make the motion as given for him to read. The motion stated: Motion is made that the revised constitution of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as recommended and presented by the Church Council, be adopted, with an effective date of June 1, 2007. This motion was seconded by Lois Boyd. Before voice vote was called the floor was asked if there were any further questions. Question was asked about the effective June 1, 2007 date for the revisions. Explanation was given that the June 1 date was arbitrarily selected to include delivery time to the synod as the rest of this month. Requirements are that the rest of the time is for the I.K synod to review what they are sent. Unless we are otherwise notified, the document as a whole, which includes non model amendments, becomes effective on

the date that is on the cover of the document. With no other discussion being heard, The motion was called to voice vote. The vote was declared as unanimous with no nays or abstentions being heard.

### **THANK YOU'S**

Elaine took time to thank the congregation for their prayers, notes, phone calls and words of encouragement. Also she thanked the congregation council members for their hard work. She also asked for words of prayer for and acknowledgement of the Call committee who were called on to stand. Also mentioned and thanked for was the hard work of Mutual Ministry. Special letters of thanks were given to Annette Holtan as vice president, Jerry and Mary Soderquist as Treasurer and assistant, to Eric Socin as recording secretary. A special letter of thanks was also given to Fran Danner. Noted is that Fran became known to a number of soldiers in Iraq because of the pounds of tootsie rolls sent to Dean Von Almen. She was known as the tootsie roll lady.

### **CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

Elaline closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. As afterthought, motion to close the meeting was made by Clea McLeod and seconded by Ray Hansen. Voice vote resounded with Ayes. ThankYou and Amen!

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Socin