

Gloria Dei June 27 Special Congregation Meeting Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting started at approximately 10:00 am with David Adams presiding

QUORAM CALL

It was determined that more than 10% of our voting members were present.

MEETING PURPOSE

David Adams stated the purpose of the meeting - To discuss and approve purchase of a new church sign.

OPENING PRAYER

The floor was turned over to Pastor Trexler who offered an opening prayer.

SLIDE SHOW ABOUT THE SIGN

Pastor Trexler continued with a slide show with explanation about the sign and what it would look like. One slide showed the time and temperature as suggested by Don Schaller. Another virtue mentioned is that it would take much less time to change our sign without venture into inclement weather. Slide examples included showing our worship times. One slide showed announcing a special event. The sign could reach the greater community with a message reflecting our Christian theology, Interest in our sign could be generated also with posting of pithy sayings or humorous messages.

FURTHER INFORMATION PRESENTED

The sign will be just under ten feet tall. It will be taller and more visible than our present sign. Not having our Lutheran denomination name on the sign is done purposely to make our church more inviting to those who are looking for a church home. Pastor Trexler expressed that we are called to do the work of the Church in tough times when the church needs rebuilding.

MESSAGE SYNOPSIS

Comparison was made to past leaders in building the church in tough times including Maritn Luther. Changing the sign was compared to doing our own reformation with optimism that our numbers can grow in sight of the tough times at hand. These tough times are when there are many church closings occurring in the I/K synod.

COST AND FINANCIAL DETAILS

Total cost \$21,9990.00 shipped and installed. Designated funds toward sign collected = \$7,500.00. \$1,500 pledged verbally. \$4,000.00 Available in outreach fund. A down payment could be made from available funds and the balance could be paid interest free over a two year period. The sign would only display amber on black and a sign such as the new sign for "NEW LIFE" would be much more costly.

FLOOR DISCUSSION

Question of having the denomination name on our sign was explored further. A Lutheran symbol would remain on our sign on the side. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church would remain on our Building near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall and the Gloria Dei name would remain below the iron angel art piece on the front of our sanctuary. The question evolved to when would visitors know they were in a "Lutheran" Church. Pastor Trexler elaborated on the beauty of the Lutheran theology and that visitors would be preached a Lutheran message if they knew it or not. There was question if there were any other pressing financial needs. This was answered by stating our building is in good shape (new roof, brick repaired, air conditioning fixed, grounds and

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building looks nice etc.). There could always be unforeseen repair expenses but nothing we cannot handle (i.e. possible repair of heating system boilers).

CALL FOR A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE NEW SIGN

David Adams took the floor to bring up a point of order that motion for the subject of discussion should be made first. He also stated that we were voting on putting up an attention getting sign on property where the building was set back from the street. This would help make our existence in the community known. Clea McLeod made a motion - The congregation shall go forward with the purchase of the new sign. The motion was seconded by Randy Vates.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

A further motion was made by Sandy Trexler to Call the Question (Close discussion and proceed with vote). Question on the floor was raised with suggestion of a paper ballot vote. David Adams explained that we were not prepared for a paper ballot and that it would extend the time of the meeting and prolong the end of our worship service. Eric Socin motioned to suspend the rules on the new question of a paper ballot and to proceed with voice votes. This motion was seconded by Pastor Trexler. A voice vote was called on the second motion now on the floor - Proceed with voice votes. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. The chair then called for a voice vote on the first called question - The congregation shall go forward with the purchase of the new sign. The motion passed unanimously with no dissenting votes heard.

MEETING CLOSED WITH PRAYER

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor Trexler and the congregation proceeded with Worship Service.

Your servant in Christ
Eric Socin