

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, August 15, 2021, 11:00am In-Person and via ZOOM

1. Call to Order – Mary Ballard welcomed the congregation and thanked them for attending together to celebrate our ministry and make important decisions. It's been challenging to do all the work of Grace during the pandemic and she thanked all the staff and Council for their work. The meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m.

2. Determine Quorum – Pastor Steve determined that we have a quorum on Zoom and in person.

○ Grace Constitution:

- C10.04. Twenty-five percent (58) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- C.8.02.C. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

3. Opening Prayer – An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Steve.

4. Review IN-PERSON AND ZOOM meeting adjustments and conduct a practice vote.

Mary reviewed the voting information for the meeting as listed below.

○ **General Information:**

- Every voting member will need to be present in the Sanctuary or logged into the Zoom meeting on their own device or separate phone line in order to be eligible to vote in the meeting.
- All meeting participants will need to remain quiet or be muted in order to allow everyone to be able to hear the Council President.
- Please raise your hand or type motions and seconds into the Chat Box.
- If you have a question, please click to “raise your hand” or type your question into the Chat Box. The meeting host will unmute online participants who desire to speak. If you are on the phone and would like to be recognized for a question, please dial *9 to let the meeting host know that you would like to speak.

○ **How to vote online?**

- On the computer, table or phone, the meeting host will launch the vote which will appear as a pop-up multiple-choice question on your screen. Please tap or click your desired vote within the given time limit.
 - Over the phone, participants will dial *9 when the meeting host reads out the voting choices. Please note that phone votes are visible to everyone who is participating in the meeting.

5. Review and Approve Meeting Ground Rules – Mary reviewed the ground rules for the meeting.

○ **When speaking:**

- Please begin with your name and then indicate whether you are speaking in favor of the motion at hand.
- You can only speak on a motion one time, until everyone else has had an opportunity to speak.
- Please be succinct and remain on topic.

○ **When listening:**

- Please remain muted throughout the meeting. If you are recognized by the host to ask a question, please limit background noises.
- Please be respectful of differing opinions.

Mary asked for a motion and a second to approve the ground rules for our meeting today. A motion to approve the ground rules was made by Steve Franks and seconded by John Smyre. Motion carried.

6. Review and Approve Agenda - Mary asked for a motion and a second to approve the agenda for our meeting today. A motion was made by Ron Schuette and seconded by Roger Bodo. Motion carried.

7. Review and Accept 2020-2021 Annual Report - Next, on our agenda was to review and accept the 2020-2021 Annual Report. Mary thanked Vera Barnett, our Administrative Secretary, who takes on the very large task each year to compile these reports from all of our ministry teams and leaders.

A motion was made by Charlie Wallin and seconded by Carl Clearwater to accept the 2019-2020 Annual Report. Motion carried. 2 abstentions

8. Receive Report from the Nominating Committee and Elections

Next on the Agenda was to elect leaders for our boards and Council. Below the Agenda, on page 3, there is a full report from the nominating committee. Mary shared the details for the board Nominees and then we will ask for a motion to elect the entire slate. However, since there are more Council nominees than positions available, we will vote on that item separately.

(1) The Trexler Board Members are appointed by Council and presented to the Congregation.

Our new Board member for next year is:

- Tommy Moretz who will be serving a full 3-year term after completing a 1-year term to fill a vacancy.

(2) The Troutman Board Members are approved by Council and ratified by the Congregation.

Our new member for next year is:

- Kevin Patterson who will be serving a full 3-year term, after completing a 1-year term to fill a vacancy.

(3) The Jeffcoat Proctor Foundation Members are elected by Council and confirmed by the Congregation. Our new Board Members for next year are:

- Shelley Wainscott-Wallin who will be serving a full 3-year term, after completing a previous 3-year term.
- Austin Eggers who will be serving a full 3-year term.

(4) Nominees are for Next Year's Nominating Committee. Each would serve just a 1-Year term: Peggy Clemmer, Bob Edsell, Sandy Moretz, Catherine Templeton, Jill Venable and Cinda Williamson.

We would like to move forward by electing all the positions apart from Council. Mary asked for a motion and a second to:

- Receive the Nominee for the Trexler Board -- Tommy Moretz
- Ratify Nominee for the Troutman Board -- Kevin Patterson
- Confirm Nominees for the Jeffcoat-Proctor Board -- Shelley Wainscott-Wallin and Austin Eggers
- Elect Nominating Committee Members -- Peggy Clemmer, Bob Edsell, Sandy Moretz, Catherine Templeton, Jill Venable and Cinda Williamson.

A motion to accept the slate was made by Kelly Rucker and seconded by John Smyre. No discussion. Motion carried.

Next is voting for the Council members. There are four positions available.

A motion to close nominations was made by John Smyre and Laura McArthur seconded. Motion carried. Voting was carried out by online, phone and in person voting.

Council Members elected were: Mary Ballard, Kristie Evans, Martha Krezock, and Jessie Lutabingwa

Mary thanked Gail Lund and Wayne Powell for offering to serve.

9. Review and Approve Proposed 2021-2022 Budget – Mary highlighted the future and current budget. We were able to pay off the Council house and have money for the next project. A challenge for next year is to raise the budget by \$10,000 to include a media person, utilities have increased, and two interns are living in Grace Place as well as a short term position to help with youth and family activities, especially the National Youth Gathering in summer 2022.

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget was made by Laura McArthur and Scott Evans seconded. Mary asked for any discussion. 1 abstain, 1 against, otherwise the motion carried.

10. Recognize and Thank Outgoing, Ongoing and Newly Elected/Appointed Leaders – Mary recognized and thanked outgoing members - Pam Nenow, Jeffcoat Proctor and Sandy Moretz for completing two terms on Council and Gail Lund for her term on Council.

11. Adjournment with Closing Prayer - Motion to adjourn by Laura McArthur and seconded by Beth Reavis to adjourn with a prayer. Pastor Steve offered a closing prayer. Motion carried.