

# WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

*Minutes Pending Approval*

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

Council President, Zach Egesdal called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded and approved. Devotional Litany was led by Harlan Nyhus. The following items were discussed:

**Secretary's report:** The secretary's report from 2021 annual meeting was reviewed and approved as read.

**Auditing Committee:** Report: Steve Knudtson reported that he and Brian Abele met with Nancy Johnson to review the books. Steve Knudtson reported that everything was in order financially. It was M/S/C to approve.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Johnson brought a few things to attention that she wanted clarified. The total dollars in check book versus what is in the general fund are different figures. Nancy talked about 10% of all estate money that came in to give away along with interest from the mission investment checkbook. She reviewed the 2021 budget versus the actual. She reviewed the total year-end balance from 2020 to 2021. She reviewed the benevolences and balances of funds. She also reviewed total giving and money invested in the technology project. Nancy reviewed all year-end figures for operating expenses, benevolence giving, and funds for the year 2021. It was M/S/C to approve.

**One in Christ Parish Report:** Barb abele and Virgean Reines are representatives for Winnebago on Parish Council. Barb made mention of the attendance of all congregation and church finances. Barb talked about the council's decision to leave the CCC calculation the same for 2022 however were going to have to make some changes going into next year. The council met with Steve Bracket and he commended the parish board for thinking ahead. They talked about both of our pastors getting closer to retirement age and are working on getting a plan together for the future.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor thanks everyone for stepping up with all the struggles this year.

**Cemetery Report:** Mark Kingland presented the cemetery report for 2021. Mark went through and talked about the interest and ending balance for the cemetery fund. We have not received money from the county for veteran's graves yet. We have not passed through to the treasure but will have to double the amount in 2022 when the money is received. Mark wanted to give a Special thank you to Mike and Paul Nelson for the great work they do maintaining the cemetery. M/S/C to accept the report.

**Old Business:** Zach talked about the live stream project. It is almost completed just need to finish wiring for second TV and need a little more funding to finish the project.

**New Business:** Talked about church Election and Ballot for 2022. Holden Nyhus will fill the roll of Treasurer to Replace Nancy Johnson. Zach also made mention that Mike and Paul Nelson are looking for some assistance with trimming at the church in the future. M/S/C to accept the elections.

**Winnebago Estate and Gift Fund:** Council proposed that we take the 10% from our estate fund giving and interest from Mission Investment Fund, \$757.43, and give 50% to the Lake mills ambulance service and 50% to the Forest city ambulance service. M/S/C

**Winnebago Congregation Budget 2020:** Zach talked about the projected operating expenses and benevolences numbers. Insurance and Fuel budget was up from 2021. The repair budget wasn't used in 2021 but council decided to leave the repair budget for some upcoming repair projects such as the drywall repair in the narthex. Staff salaries are up 4% as well.

It was M/S/C to approve the budget.

Zach thanked everyone for all of their help through volunteering and donations for the year. It was M/S/C to adjourn the 2021 annual Meeting of the Winnebago Lutheran Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Johnson - Council Secretary