

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday, January 27, 2008
9:45 AM in Bethany Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dee Lund

Devotions: Devotions were led by President Dee Lund

Additions & Approval of the Agenda: No additions. A motion was made by Kathy Ward to approve the agenda. The motion was second by Stacy Tufto. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the August 5, 2007 semi-annual meeting were presented in a written report. Helen Granrud made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jean Olson. Motion carried.

Report of the Treasurer: Pastor Don reported that OSL did well in 2007. There was a balance of \$19,238.00 in the checking account at year's end.

Presentation of proposed budget for 2008: Pastor Don reviewed the proposed budget for 2008. He reviewed each expense category and pointed out that expenses with an (*) asterisk had notes at the end of the budget. Those items are covered by Mission Endowment. The total expenses for the proposed budget total \$519,113.63, slightly lower than 2007 total expenses. The proposed budget is printed in the Annual Report.

Reports:

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Don reported that he feels OSL is doing very well and is pleased with where OSL is right now. He is thankful for all of our volunteers and board/committee members. He is also thankful for a great staff. His full report is in the Annual Report.

Mission Endowment Fund:

Pastor Don reported that investment have grown, and that the interest money that comes back into the fund is allocated as shown on the Mission Endowment Balance Sheet in the Annual Report. This year OSL was blessed with the gifts of many, especially the estate of Leonard & Louise Swenson, at approximately \$110,000 for Mission Endowment.

WELCA Treasurer's Report:

Pastor Don reported that Kristine Andreas is doing a wonderful job as Treasurer. WELCA does great things for OSL and has also contributed financially to projects to repair/improve our building.

New Business:

Approve Constitutional Changes:

Changes are underlined:

Chapter 13; B13.08 should read Each board shall submit a report of its yearly activities prior to the January Church Council meeting to appear in the July Annual Report.

Chapter 13; B13.12 should read Should a member's position on a board be declared vacant, the board shall nominate a replacement to the Church Council for approval to serve until the next July Annual Meeting, when the position shall be filled by congregational election to serve out the completion of the A,B, or C assigned term.

New Council Structure: The new structure is specified on the last page of the Constitution in the Annual Report.

The Constitutional changes must be voted on twice. The first vote will be at today's meeting, the second vote can take place in two week. Today's vote must pass by 50%, and the second voted must pass by 66%. A hand vote was taken. There were 122 members in attendance, 121 voted for, 1 against making the constitutional changes. The second vote will take place on Sunday, February 10th, 2008.

Approve Associate Pastor Call Committee:

A list of members is printed as an insert to the Annual Report.

A motion was made to approve the Associate Pastor Call Committee by Sylvia Norland, second by Sue Winter, motion carried.

Election of Synod Assembly Delegates:

The 2008 Synod Assembly will be held at Gustavus Adolphus College. Kevin & Sarah Norman as well as Tom & Deann Norman have volunteered to attend the Assembly to represent Our Savior's. A motion was made by Lori Wyum to approve the delegates, second by Dennis Brandon. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Don led the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned by President Dee Lund.

Minutes submitted by Angie Peters, Secretary/Treasurer