

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Congregation Meeting – January 25, 2015

MINUTES

Opening Devotions, led by Pastor George Schneider

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
Quorum	The presiding Congregation Council President, Paul Francis, declared a quorum with more than 5% of members in attendance.	12:07
Report of the Secretary Minutes of the 2014 Congregational Meeting	The 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes, as recommended for approval by the Congregation Council in February 2014 were reviewed.	A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Report of the Pastor	Pastor highlighted several areas within his report: Faith Forming Faith Workshop w/ Metro New York; Director of Music; Boundaries HB 435.	A motion was made to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Report of the Council President	See attached. Outgoing President Paul Francis highlighted a picture of the faith formers of ST John Lutheran Church taken at the foundation of the National Cathedral. The picture stands as a metaphor for the Faith Formation of St John in 2015.	A motion was made to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Report of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees	Amended Social Ministry Report: Westminster Casseroles Ministry – Change day from Monday to Thursday, date from October 20 th to 30 th .	A motion was made to approve all reports as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Report of the Congregation Treasurer	Treasurer Larry O'Brien recognized those who help to make the Financial report easier. Ordinary income was \$17,000 higher than anticipated for the year: \$10,000 better than what was expected.	A motion was made to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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None		

NEW BUSINESS

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Mission Strategy	Pastor highlighted that giving has remained steady through 2014 even with the retirement of debt of the HFLC. Council dedicated the year to completing a mission strategy for 2015 – looking through the lens of form and substance. Sunday Evening worship service. Pastor Schwarz highlighted the Form and Substance of the Sunday Evening Service, which is to provide a context for people to build foundations of faith formation. Certain property and building issues were discussed. REALM technology was discussed. Invite, Nurture, Support & Serve Model. Develop two off-site theological ministries. Encourage Bring a Friend Sundays. With the assistance of youth leadership, the youth class curriculum was reevaluated for STJLCH.	

Proposed 2015 "Plan For Mission"	Larry O'Brien discussed the major differences between the 2015 & 2014 budget actuals. Faith Forming Faith seminar as a pass through. Larry highlighted certain areas worthy of mention. Total Expenses were slightly higher than anticipated, however, certain expenses were pass-through items bringing the total income of the church to a higher anticipated income total.	A motion was made to approve the <i>Plan For Mission 2015</i> as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Election of Council Members	The Slate of Nominees for Council is: Barbara Spink Betty Kelley	A motion was made to approve the Slate of Nominees as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
REALM Walkthrough	John Vogt provided a brief description of the REALM technology. The REALM directory was offered as a means to provide the church with many benefits for financial reporting and group member communication.	
Recognition	Outgoing Council members, Paul Francis, Bill Schmalzer and Susan Kirkpatrick were recognized and presented with Bibles upon their departure.	
Closing	Led by Pr. George	
Adjournment	Business was concluded at 1:35PM.	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Stoudt, Secretary