

Congregation Meeting

Lutheran Church of the Nativity

February 2016

February 21, 2016 9:30 p.m.

President Fred Park called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to order at 9:30 a.m. with prayer by Pastor Mark Fitzsimmons. He stated the Meeting was duly noticed. A quorum of the members was present and declared.

- The first action item was to review and receive the Annual Report, with thanks to Jen Loizzo, Interim Parish Administrator, for putting the report together. It was asked that any corrections or additions be e-mailed to either President Fred Park or Jen Loizzo before final printing of the Annual Report. A motion to approve the Annual report was made by Fred Park and seconded. A vote to approve was made and the decision to approve the Annual Report was unanimous.
- It was noted that in 2015, a giving goal of \$612,000 was adopted, however giving was significantly below that number, with operating funds behind. The budget was reduced in June of 2015 with stabilization being noted $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the fiscal year. The congregation approved the new budget of \$565,000. The end of the fiscal year saw a surplus. A multi-faceted approach to the surplus was taken with the giving goal being increased to \$576,000.
- During the meeting, a special recognition was held in honor of the 20th anniversary of Pastor Mark Fitzsimmons serving as pastor for Nativity with a cookie ceremony.
- No disbursement funds were released by the endowment committee this year, as there were no qualifying applications received.
- Election of voting members for the 2016 North Carolina Synod Assembly, to be held June 3-4, was held with one write in vote being given prior to the meeting. The current delegates for election were Allen Ray serving as the male delegate, Jennie Gillette serving as the female delegate, and Paul Chang serving as the ESL delegate. One more delegate is needed for the under age 30 slot and will be determined, with blessing from the congregation between Pastor Mark Fitzsimmons and President Fred Park. A vote to approve the current named delegates was unopposed and voted for unanimously.
- A final update was given to the congregation in regards to the Land Sale/Use Charter started in August of 2015. The final results of the charter's study yielded the anticipated value of the property in conjunction with current available real estate, cost of relocation twice, and the construction of a new facility plus furnishes was below initial inquiry estimate. In January of 2016, Council moved to not move forward with sale of the current property. Thanks was given to Allen Ray, Denise Kropf, and Randy Treiber for the dedication and work during the course of the study.
- An update on the call process currently underway was given by President Fred Park. At this time, the Call Committee has only reported that it has met several times, with Mark Grush electing to chair the committee. They have begun receiving names from the Synod staff and are evaluating the potential candidates as they come in.
- Council elections were discussed, with a brief outline of dates for elections. February 14 began with the nominating process. Those nominated will begin receiving either e-mails or phone calls. Election for President and Vice President will be held March 13, with final council elections being held April 10. President Fred Park thanked current council members for their hard work.

The February Annual Meeting ended with a closing prayer by Pastor Mark Fitzsimmons at 10:21 a.m.