

EDINA COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21st, 2021

Call meeting to order – Janet Thompson

Meeting was called to order by Janet Thompson at 1:03 PM.

Opening Prayer – Pastor Jeff Sartain

Pastor Jeff Sartain opened the annual meeting with a prayer.

Explanation of procedures for this meeting

The required member quorum was met to proceed with the annual meeting.

Council member Steph Rollag Yoon provided an overview of Zoom polling that will be used during the annual meeting for motion voting.

Janet provided an explanation of the proposed rules of procedures for the virtual ECLC 2021 annual meeting. The proposed rules were shared with the congregation via an email sent on February 16, 2021 and shared on the ECLC website. For reference: <http://eclc.org/annual-meeting-info>.

Janet Thompson proposed a minor edit to Section B “Voting”, part “II” of the procedures. In particular, the following amendment was: “Or, those members may have a voice vote.”

Motion - Motion to amend the proposed change to the procedures rules of procedures for the virtual ECLC 2021 annual meeting by adding “Or, those members may have a voice vote” to Section B “Voting”, part II. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved via hand count in Zoom.

Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Motion - Motion to approve the proposed ECLC 2021 virtual annual meeting rules of procedures as shared with the congregation. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved via hand count in Zoom.

There was a proposed amendment to this annual meeting voting procedure, in particular only requiring either nay or abstention votes to be counted and not the yay votes in order to make it easier to vote during this virtual annual meeting.

Motion - Motion to approve only counting the nay votes and not counting the yay notes for the remainder of this virtual meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved via hand count in Zoom.

Approval of 2020 annual meeting minutes

There were no amendments to the 2020 annual meeting minutes.

Motion - Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the ECLC February 9th, 2020 annual meeting minutes. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved.

President Opening / Report – Janet Thompson

Janet shared that her report was included in the annual report. Janet also gave thanks to the ECLC staff, the executive committee, and the congregation as a whole for their flexibility, their work and patience over the last year.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Jeff Sartain

Pastor Jeff spoke briefly about the challenges and anxiety of the last year and yet noted how the congregation is still making a significant difference. Pastor Jeff gave thanks to the ECLC staff and lay leaders especially Janet Thompson.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Anna Helgen

Pastor Anna spoke about her first full year as a pastor at ECLC, the challenges that we faced as a congregation and the resilience and flexibility to shift to an online worship experience. Pastor Anna gave thanks to ECLC staff, committee leaders, and lay leaders for their dedicated hard work.

Deacon's Report – Deacon Lauren Morse-Wendth

Deacon Lauren spoke about the amazing work that the congregation has been able to accomplish this last year even during the Covid-19 pandemic. Deacon Lauren gave special thanks to the mission committee and the 21 mission partner liaisons. Deacon Lauren noted that there's been a slight pivot over the last year in our advocacy and giving during the pandemic. Members are showing up and giving in new and different ways which is really exciting to consider for the future.

Financial Report – Larissa Nelson & Kienan Mick

Larissa Nelson spoke briefly the financial report that was shared online electronically. A couple of highlights included:

- ECLC has about \$285,000 cash on hand at the end of 2020
- Paid down about \$67,000 of the mortgage principal balance
- \$2,300,000 mortgage balance loan remains
- PPP loan was approved and completely forgiven

Had about \$47,000 incoming more than budget. A lot of this was likely due to the PPP loan forgiveness.

There was approximately \$82,000 surplus that will carry over from the 2020 budget to 2021.

As far as the 2021 proposed budget, the council is proposing a balanced budget.

Auditor's Report

Kienan Mick noted that ECLC hired an outside auditor this year to perform an “Agreed upon procedures” audit. Kienan noted that this was not a full audit; the biggest difference was that there is no formal opinion provided by the auditor. The cost of performing an “Agreed upon procedures” is also significantly less than a full audit but the work done by the auditor, otherwise, is very similar to a full audit.

Some of the highlights from audit report:

- An ~\$3400 difference in the balance sheet
- An ~\$1200 difference in giving?

Motion - Motion to approve the 2020 ECLC auditor’s report as presented to the congregation. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved.

2021 Proposed Budget – Kienan Mick

Pastor Jeff shared that ECLC had been receiving a large gift to cover the salary and benefits of Deacon Lauren for the past 13 years. That gift giving will come to an end at the end of 2021. Pastor Jeff made it clear that this is no way a suggestion that the elimination of Deacon Lauren’s position is being considered, only that the congregation should be aware of amazing gifts in the past and that our 2022 budget and stewardship will need to take this into consideration.

Motion - Motion to approve the proposed 2021 ECLC budget. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved.

Nominations and Elections – Janet Thompson

The 2021 committee nominations were shared online: <http://eclc.org/committee-nominations>

Janet asked for possible at-large additions to the synod assembly committee. No additions were proposed.

Motion - Motion to approve the proposed 2021 committee nominations. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved.

Recognition of Outgoing Leaders – Dave Englestad, incoming president

Newly elected president Dave Englestad gave thanks to the outgoing council members including:

- Erik Scheurle
- Pat Larson
- Dave Irwin
- Janet Anderson
- Kathy Krypel
- Janet Thompson

Closing Prayer – Pastor Anna Helgen

Pastor Anna closed the meeting in prayer.

Adjourn

Motion – Motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM.

24 households with 2 members
89 screens (max)