

# ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

**Call to Order:** Fred Rackow called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

**Introduction of Officers:** Fred introduced Marilyn Maas as Recording Secretary; Burt Andrews as Vice President; and himself as President.

**Called Motion to Floor:** Nancy Heine made the motion and Pamela Andrews seconded. Should we make improvements to the audio visual system? Voting "Yes" for this proposal meant the assembly would then vote on outlined options. Voting "No" would conclude the meeting. A closed ballot vote was taken with 20 "Yes" votes and 6 "No" votes. Motion carried.

Discussion: Sonja Sporleder reported for Darlene Tegtmeier, Treasurer, that in 2021 expenses exceeded income by \$15,000, and in 2022 expenses exceeded income by \$30,000. The budget for 2023 projects expenses exceeding income by \$90,000. Fred stated that there is a review of the budget still pending to determine if some estimated expenses have been recorded incorrectly.

Question was asked about when there would be a 2022 year-end Income/Expense report and a corrected 2023 Budget. Fred advised it would be available the following Sunday, March 19.

**Called Motion to Floor:** Chuck Petersen made the motion; Bette Wine seconded. Five options for consideration for improvement to the audio/visual system. (Ballot attached lists the five options.)

Discussion: The question was asked about the cost of the various options. Fred and Pastor reported the following costs from the vendor as outlined in Pastor Eaves' February 26, 2023 letter. (Copy attached.)

Sanctuary	\$ 52,617.82
Cry Room	\$ 2,545.18
Fellowship Hall	\$ 20,586.36
Shipping	\$ 1,464.86
Miscellaneous	\$ <u>1,171.89</u>
Grand Total	\$ 80,777.86

In addition, there is a \$267.12 monthly charge (\$3,205.44 annually) for a Proactive Maintenance & Support Plan. Without the Maintenance Plan, a single on-site visit would cost \$1,100.00. There is a sixteen-month warrantee, which covers installation and equipment.

**Called Motion to Floor:** Darlene Tegtmeier made the motion; Pam Andrews seconded. A ballot was to be cast with each person voting for one of the five options listed. (Ballot attached).

After the tally was presented, the option with the least number of votes would be dropped and a new ballot cast, again voting for one of the four options. This process was to be followed until two options remained, with a final vote to be cast; and the option with the majority votes would be approved. (This voting procedure is defined by Synod.)

Voting results:

<u>Vote 1 (5 options)</u>	<u>Vote 2 (4 options)</u>	<u>Vote 3 (3 options)</u>
Option 1 - 5	6	5
Option 2 - 7	2	-
Option 3 - 4	6	7
Option 4 - 1	-	-
Option 5 - 7	10	11

After the third vote, it was asked if the vote could be tabled until such time as there was financial clarity from reviewing the 2022 year-end and 2023 budget reports, which would be available within a week. It was expressed by several individuals that there needed to be clarification on the church's current financial posture and from where the funds being requested would come. Pastor advised the proposal could be postponed but not tabled.

**Motion to the Floor:** Pam Andrews moved; Cindy Kuschel seconded the motion. It is recommended that the improvement of the audio/visual system be postponed pending the review of the 2022 year-end and 2023 budget reports. Should we proceed with the final vote for the improvement of the audio/visual system at this time? A show of hands was taken with 13 "No" votes and 11 "Yes" votes. Motion approved to postpone a decision on improvement of the audio/visual system.

**Adjournment:** Paul Tegtmeier moved; Nancy Heine seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Maas, Recording Secretary

**Attachments:**

Attendance Sheet

Current Unrestricted Funds Report March 12, 2020

Pastor Letter to Congregation February 26, 2023

Ballot to make improvements to the audio video system

Ballot to select SPL option for improvements to the audio video system