

## Congregation Meeting Minutes

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*Meeting date: February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 12:20pm*

**Attendance:** Meeting was held in the Worship area, attendance list is attached.

***151 members were in attendance.***

**Preliminaries:** **President Les Soltis** opened the meeting in prayer.

**Business:**

### **CALL FOR SENIOR PASTOR:**

The ELT has moved that we call Pastor Augie Ristow, Jr as our next Intentional Interim Pastor. The motion was seconded by a congregational member. This call is for an undetermined length of time. We are also awaiting a response from Pastor Dan Weber in regards to his call for the Lead Pastor position.

There was no discussion necessary. There was a call for the question. Dave Ramsey and Amy Sato collected ballots. Dick Bean counted ballots.

Les commented on Dave Hoag's commitment to this process. He is so dedicated and willing to give his time and talent to this church. Les encouraged the congregation to thank him when he returns from his travels to Japan.

The second item on this agenda is a motion to call a seminarian. The call was moved and seconded by congregational members. Jerry Blessing was brought up to discuss this process. He described the call as this divine process as God sends the Holy Spirit to a team to interview a seminarian and God sends the Holy Spirit to watch over the seminarian and guide them through this process. The ELT decided to put together a small group of people to interview the seminarians (Teri Sato, Dave Hoag, David Reinke, Amy Sato, and Jerry Blessing). Both the ELT and the call team wanted to have as smooth a transition as possible. Jake accepted a divine call and moved away. We could look for an Associate Pastor or a Seminarian. With the route of the seminarian, there is one timeframe every year when you can do that. Dan Weber supports this process. There are currently 42 seminarians available. There are 35 districts just like us. We are hoping to get one of the 3 seminarians we are really attracted to. He opened the floor for questions.

**Questions from the Congregation:**

**Can we request a specific seminarian?** Yes, we were allowed to interview four seminarians. We started with a group of 7 resumes and then, from that, we selected 4 seminarians to interview. We have 3 great applicants who would be a great fit.

**If something doesn't work out and Pastor Weber doesn't see that the seminarian is the best match, does he have the option to look at other applicants?** If Weber accepts the call, St. Luke's will provide him with a budget to fly to St. Louis and interview the candidates.

**Jerry mentioned that we have to interview seminarians prior to March 1 so if we do not call a seminarian by then, we will have to wait a year to go through this process again.**

**If Dan accepts the call, we would put a lot of weight on his preference.**

**Is it still up to the seminary as to who they assign?** The presidents of all the districts make this decision. They meet together.

**When would that decision be made?** The announcement is usually made in April.

**The question was called to the congregation. There was no further discussion.**

**The vote to call Pastor Augie Ristow, Jr. was passed 91-1.**

**The vote to call a seminarian passed 79-1.**

Meeting was closed in prayer, led by Les Soltis.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Morgan Griffith*

Secretary, ELT

***Attachments: Voter Sign In Sheet Feb 2017***



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1	Karen M. Foster	26	
2	Steve E. Egan	27	
3	Stephen B. B. B.	28	
4	John A. A.	29	
5	Cynthia A. A.	30	
6	Tim W. W.	31	
7	Marge T. T.	32	
8	Betty R. R.	33	
9	Cathy H. H.	34	
10	Victoria S. S.	35	
11	Linda H. H.	36	
12	Mary A. A.	37	
13	G. S.	38	
14	John M. M.	39	
15	John T. T.	40	
16	Larry H. H.	41	
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1	Morgan Griffith	26	
2	Jay Hileman	27	
3	Roy E Ray	28	
4	Trellic Kreschel	29	
5	MAURICE FOSTER	30	
6	Kelly Ryan	31	
7	David Walker	32	
8	Kenneth Peck	33	
9	Sandy Ramsey	34	
10	Dennis Ward	35	
11	Carolyn Saastad	36	
12	RANDY SLOPER	37	
13	Stephanie Haef	38	
14	SHARON SANDMAN	39	
15	David Clark	40	
16	Kimberly Jaromig	41	
17	John Johnson	42	
18	John Hord	43	
19	Natasha Stett	44	
20	Richard Bean	45	
21	Barbara M. Bean	46	
22	Andrew Jones	47	
23	Wanda Moore	48	
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1	Mick Stewart	26	Vernita Christianson
2	Gerald S. Meys	27	Howard CHRISTIANSON
3	Yankee Miller	28	Doreen Christ
4	Holly Miller	29	
5	Jeff Blomberg	30	
6	W. J. Hall	31	
7	Gerald M. Kenward	32	
8	Bill Dy	33	
9	John Thompson	34	
10	Amy C. Miller	35	
11	Dan C. Miller	36	
12	Mike Miller	37	
13	Tom Miller	38	
14	William Miller	39	
15	Heather Davis	40	
16	W. J. Hall	41	
17	Anna Graham	42	
18	Krista Hanson	43	
19	Janette Bredtson	44	
20	Janet Fredrickson	45	
21	Will K. Miller	46	
22	Will K. Miller	47	
23	David Reinke	48	
24	Thomas Miller	49	
25	W. J. Hall	50	



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1	Dan Turcott	26	
2	George Turcott	27	
3	Sheldon Guen	28	
4	Ruth Hilman	29	
5	Richard Leach	30	
6	J. D. Hieser	31	
7	Gina Jackson	32	
8	Darla Creech	33	
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2	<u>David Eversay</u>	27	
3	<u>Leslie Salter</u>	28	
4	<u>Gen OOB Van</u>	29	
5	<u>Tranfernil</u>	30	
6	<u>Marianne Bell</u>	31	
7	<u>Messing Hicks</u>	32	
8	<u>Blonda Bartels</u>	33	
9	<u>Darlene Chan</u>	34	
10	<u>W. Joyce Ollila</u>	35	
11	<u>Barbara Eickes</u>	36	
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