

The Living Water Annual Meeting January 31, 2020

Phil Koenig, Board of Trustees Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Opening prayer was given by Dee Dee Collette, Elder.

Phil Koenig thanked Vachelle Fleming, with a gift for her contribution to the church as the Office Administrator and wished her the best on behalf of LWC on her future.

Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes: Mary Naggatz made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting as printed. The motion was seconded by Anne Fischer. Hearing no discussion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

2021 Looking Ahead: Pastor Isaac Fleming shared his message of “Love One Another/Our Vision Is To Grow In God’s Love” during the church service, prior to the annual meeting.

Board Chair: Phil Koenig spoke about the challenges of 2020. He said that the challenge for trustees in 2020 was to figure out the finances. When covid hit, we expected our finances to go down, however we didn’t expect it to go down and then up and down again. But we ended the year doing very well financially. We are truly blessed to end the year of 2020 very well.

We also accomplished a couple tasks:

- A leak in the fire suppression system was repaired in March. This involved replacing a section of the pipe in the ceiling area over the narthex and sanctuary.

- We renewed our snow plowing contract with Prima of Middleton, WI for the 2020-2021 snow season.

- Building Upgrades: New basement flooring was installed in January 2020. Water drainage issues were repaired in Aug 2020. This involved re-sloping some of the ground and installing drainage tiles.

- Streamlined online giving options to make it a smoother process for those who give electronically.

We launched our online presence with YouTube in March of 2020 and have had 12,300 views and 162 subscribers. Phil also thanked volunteers who go above and beyond for the church: snow shoveling, fixing things around the church and Cheryl with dropping off Sunday school information to families and fixing a lot of church policies.

2020 Financial Review Report: Lee Igl, Trustee Treasurer, was unable to attend due to snow and had to go in to work. Emily Olson explained that the trustees went off the 2020 budget for the 2021 budget. Donations came in December to increase the budget as well. So far into 2021, we already have increased the budget for 2020 and it is already looking good, especially with RMD at \$12,000. We also added some new categories, such as the building décor (as per the request of Jenni Freitag) and debate expenses (as per pastor’s request).

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Mary Naggatz asked, "What is RMD?" Emily answered that before Dec 31, 2019, people above the age of 70 are required to take distributions from IRA, from a retirement account to an organization. Now the age is 72.

Phil K. added that the new décor would be beneficial to our church. The décor has already been changed in the entrance and Jenni Freitag took it on. We are already discs for sconces in the sanctuary that might be used. Jenni will work with the elders for more updates around the church.

Emily mentioned that we are looking at upgrading our accounting software for the electronic givers. She also mentioned the category 'Future Ministries', which are funds that are allocated for ministry ideas or projects, may come mid-year. These funds are allocated for ministries in 2021 that have not been budgeted for in the current budget. The trustees will allocate these funds in 2021.

Approval of 2020 Annual Financial Report: Chuck Beatty made a motion to accept the 2020 Financial Report as printed. The motion was seconded by Duane Sanner. Hearing no discussion, motion carries by a unanimous vote.

Nominations for the Board of Trustees were presented by Mary Naggatz (filling in for Bruce Fisher) for the Nominating Committee.

Chair	Dale Ingebrigtsen	2-year term ending January 2023 (Phil K.)
Vice Chair	Kris Ganske	2-year term ending January 2023 (Dale I.)
Member at Large:	Tim Awes	2-year term ending January 2023 (Lori R.)

Those who continue to serve: Treasurer- Lee Igl, Secretary- Shalom Samuel and Member at Large- Caleb Carr. with their two-year term ending Jan 2022.

Chuck Beatty made a motion to close the nominations and approve the list of nominations for Trustees as presented. Tim Perry seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Nominations for the Nominating Committee were presented by Mary Naggatz.

Chair	Phil Koenig	2-year term ending January 2023 (Bruce F.)
Member:	Mary Naggatz	2-year term ending January 2023 (Mary N.)

Those who continue to serve: Member- Jana Betts and Member- Kathy Albrecht, with their two-year terms ending January 2022.

Ken Betz made a motion to close the nominations and accept the nominations from the Nominating Committee as presented. Jean Beatty seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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New Business: Dale Ingebrigtsen

Land for Sale: Attached is a page about the land for sale, with markings of which area that includes. This space is a green space, so nothing can be built there. Phil Koenig will be involved in this project until completed. He mentioned that owner of 3139 Pleasant Street approached Daune Sanner about purchasing the land. We own the three pieces of land behind those houses, indicated by the squares on the picture. Phil checked with the city of Sun Prairie and was told that it is still green space, and nothing can ever be built on that space. We can break those lands up and sell. The only thing the owners can do is put up fences around that space. The only thing we can do is to continue to mow the three spaces with the help of volunteers and pay the utility, etc. We cannot sell without the approval of the congregation, as per the bylaws. If the congregation approves of the sale, we ask that the trustees be allowed to complete the sale on the lots (3139, 3133 and 3127 Pleasant Street) in whole or in part and profits go toward the mortgage. The value that the city puts on this land is \$7.50/sq ft. We would need the lots resurveyed and would ask the buyers to take on the cost of that. We would ask the other neighbors of 3139 if they were also interested in buying.

Ken Betz asked if we sell one, can we sell in a way where we don't get stuck with the middle piece, in case that person does not want to buy? Phil answered that that is our goal. We have not approached the others but will.

Pastor included that the park and all the green grass space is ours and we use those spaces for summer outreach. We are just talking about those three small squares on the pic that is being asked to be bought.

Rob asked if there are any tax liability with it? Phil answered that we do not know. Will find more answers once we get the approval. We will consider that in the final negotiations.

Tim Awes asked what the estimated return on investment would be? Phil answered that we do not know right now. We did not put a lot of effort in this, as we wanted the congregation's approval first.

Mary Naggatz asked if we would have another meeting on this before we sell as there are so many questions, with so many uncertainties. Phil answered "No, the intent is that if we get the go ahead, and as long as it is good for the church, and with a fair value for the church, we will act on it. When more info comes available, we will let the church informed on this matter."

Vachelle brought up that we had one possibility on what to do in those lots, a potential community garden. Pastor Isaac said that we never had a 51% to take on that and another obstacle was that we had to put a pipeline underground as well.

Nelson Vijayakumar mentioned that it is difficult to do things in those lots because it is literally the peoples back yard. We can see inside their homes, it makes it very difficult to do things there.

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Anne Fisher: If we want to give the trustees this task, then any individual questions for taxes, liability etc. should not be a big deal, if the trustee is doing it with a good enough sale as beneficial to the church. Any other financial concerns should be trusted on the trustees as the congregation cannot be involved in every single detail.

Don Struckmeyer mentioned that when we do the sale, and if a property is not being sold, we should include access to the lot that doesn't sell so we can still maintain it.

Approval of the Proposed Land Sale: Don Struckmeyer motioned that the board of trustees be allowed to pursue the sale of land behind 3139, 3133, and 3127 Pleasant Street; and if all parties come to agreeable terms, the trustee be allowed to complete this sale in whole or in part; and all profits be applied to the remaining balance on our current mortgage. Danny Ross seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Continuing New Business: Dale Ingebrigsten

First meeting with the new board will be next month. The biggest task would be to navigate the sale of the land.

Rob asked if there is any thought about paving or gravelling ten feet near the parking lot, where we plow. Dale answered no, but we will work on it. Buzz Bursaw mentioned that the edge of the lot line is eight ft in from the end of the driveway, as it is a shared driveway. Dale concluded that we would investigate it and may need to ask our neighbors if they would like to pitch in as well.

Nelson V. asked if we could expand the already existing food pantry to inside the church? Can we look at getting something larger? Pastor Isaac said that the small group involving Ken, Buck, Carol, Cindy, Mike and Jenna would need to make that decision. We can certainly discuss it. Buck and Carol said that it is placed where it is due to convenience and that anyone can access it. But we will certainly discuss it further.

Adjournment: Chuck Beatty motioned to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Nelson Vijayakumar seconded the motion. Having no further discussion, the motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shalom Samuel
Trustee Secretary