

**Hope Lutheran Church
The Villages Florida**

**2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2023**

A light lunch was served prior to the meeting, members received their ballots. Dennis Kienitz led the congregation in the Doxology and hymns that warmed our hearts. Pastor John LeCain recognized Education leadership and participants and teased us with upcoming Hope U offerings.

Gloria Johnson recognized the Hospitality Teams

Meeting was called to order by President Kent Hamdorf at 12:03 p.m.

Determination of a Quorum:

Pam Fenn, Council Secretary confirmed that we had a quorum. The constitution states that a quorum for all Congregational Meetings shall be five (5%) percent of the voting members based on the church roll at the end of the prior fiscal year, but not less than fifty (50) voting members. For 2023, a minimum of 99 voting members constitutes a quorum.

The meeting will follow Roberts Rules of Order and Pastor Wayne Kofink was the Parliamentarian.

Agenda:

We will follow the agenda which is on the screens. **Motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded. Motion Approved.**

Review of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes:

(Minutes of Congregational meetings are approved by the congregation. Draft minutes are printed in the Annual Reports, the approved/official copies reside on file in the Church office.)

1. **Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion Approved.**
2. **Motion was made and seconded to approve the Special Congregational Meeting minutes held on October 7, 2022.** There was discussion. It was brought to the congregations' attention that the word "not" was omitted from the motion.

Motion Below is the corrected motion:

Approve constructing the Activity Center Phase and obtaining design/engineering contracts for the Main Building Complex (design phase), as presented with a projected budget **not** to exceed \$1,650,000 and approve the \$1,000,000 Line of Credit First Mortgage Loan from Mission Investment Fund in accordance with the attached Resolution from Mission Investment Fund

Motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Minutes. Motion Approved.

Nomination Committee :

Kent took time to thank the members of the nominating committee for their work. The committee spent many hours and meetings to ensure the nomination process was followed in accordance

with our constitution. The committee members were Rolf Moulton, Marsha Lamadrid, Suzanne Kuebler. We will be electing two congregation council officers and one council at-large member.

Election of Congregation and Council Officers and Member-at-Large:

The following members were nominated by the Nominating Committee and affirmed by Council to serve as officers and member-at-large of Hope Lutheran Church for the following terms (According to our bylaws, no further nominations could be made) :

Katherine (Kathy) Beekman, President (3-year term)
Kristina Giffin, President (3-year term)

Richard Gal, Vice President (3-year term)
The nominee for council officer of Vice President is unopposed and elected by acclimation.

Patrick Sawler, Member-at-Large (3-year term)
The nominee for Member-at-large is unopposed and elected by acclimation.

The two candidates for President were given 5 minutes to speak to the congregation.

President Kent Hamdorf then asked members to cast their paper vote for one of the two candidates.

Kristina Giffin won the election by a majority vote.
Kathy Beekman will retain her Member-at-Large position.

While the vote counting took place the following leaders gave us the good news of ministries here at Hope

- Bob Jason, My Time Team Leader spoke to the congregation and described the needs of the ministry and told those in attendance how they could become involved. He thanked the volunteers.
- Fred O'Brien, Mission Outreach Team Leader described the many subgroups of Mission Outreach. Gave several examples of how this ministry team has touched the lives of community that surrounds The Villages.
- Pastor Rani – described the important role of groups within our growing church.

Installation of 2023 Church Council Members:

Pastor Jon-Marc congratulated the newly elected council members. Prayed for guidance for the new council as they conduct the business of Hope. He charged them with oath of office and offered God's blessing.

Election of four (4) voting members to 2023 Synod Assembly

The following members have been nominated to serve as voting members to the 2023 Synod Assembly: Pam Fenn, Don Maronde, Peg Piper, Patrick Sawler. **Motion was made and seconded to approve these members. Motion Passed.**

Outgoing Council Members Cathy Daley (Member at large), and Kent Hamdorf (President) gave reflection of their time on Council.

Pastor Bruce gave outgoing thanks to Cathy Daley, David Redding (Vice-President), and Kent Hamdorf.

Kent Hamdorf declared there was no further business.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **At 1:24 p.m. a Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed**

Closing Prayer: Pastor Jon-Marc with Pastors Rani and Bruce by his side gave a closing prayer and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Fenn

Congregation Council Secretary

Offered for Approval to the Congregation February 4, 2024

Following the meeting:

- Pat O'Dell explained the 2023 Stewardship Campaign.
- Len Robertson spoke about the Capital Campaign.