Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church

Annual Meeting

30 January 2019

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Attendance sheet attached.

**Call to Order & Declaration of a Quorum:** Tony Fichter - Leadership Council Chair

Motion to accept agenda made by Jan Herseth, seconded by Glen Johnson.  Motion carried.

**Devotional & Prayer:** Steve Hoffer- Senior Pastor

**2018 Annual Meeting Minutes Review:** Pam Iverson-Leadership Council Secretary

Minutes reviewed from Sheila Brinkman, past secretary. Sheila reported that the full minutes were lost on her computer and that a shorter version of Annual Minutes were being submitted.  Motion to accept the minutes made by Dave Anderson, seconded by Gregg Iverson. Motion carried.

**Todd Peterson- 2018 Year-End Treasurer's Report**

Todd reported that the 2018 budget came close and that there was an excess of $805. Offering was up since 2017, which helpful along with the $5000 credit that came from Roseau Electric Cooperative due to a past wiring issue.  Motion to accept the report from Yvonne Wensloff, seconded by Glen Johnson. Motion carried.

**Todd Peterson & Rob Stroot- 2018 Financial Audit Report**

Rob Stroot, acting Trustee Chair, summarized the report. Motion to accept the report from Jan Herseth, seconded by Gwyenne Roadfeldt.  Motion carried.

**Presentation of Ministerial Reports**

Steve Hoffer - Senior Pastor, Bryan Dickson - Youth Ministry Director, and Kecia Stroot - Children & Family Pastor all gave informative reports on the yearly activities.  Pastor Steve commented that it was a busy year for the church and that we continue to emphasize our mission of sharing the love and hope of Jesus in today's busy world.

**Board and Committee Reports**

Chair Tony stated that committee reports have been submitted and are in the Annual Report, and that if members have any questions to discuss them with the chairperson of that particular board.

**New Business:**

**Presentation of New Membership Applications**

Pastor Steve Hoffer reports that the Deacon Board has recommended these candidates for membership:

Elijah McKinney, Zach Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Shari Briggs, Carol Christianson, and Braden Stroot.  A unanimous vote was given by members in attendance to accept the new members. Pastor Steve congratulated and welcomed them.

**Appointment of Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp Board Representatives and Delegates**

Dave Brinkman agreed to continue as the representative on the Bluewater Board with Robb and Kecia Stroot as at large members.  Delegates appointed for the annual meeting were Traci Fichter and Sheila Brinkman.

**Ushers**

Gregg Iverson and Glen Johnson have resigned as co-head ushers and replacements will be needed to fill the position of organizing ushers for Sunday services.  Leadership Council Chair, Tony thanked them for their many years of service and asked any members who might consider filling this position to contact him.

**Annual Approval of Standing Committees**

125th Anniversary Committee

Fellowship Committee

Worship and Music Committee

Covenant Women

Decorating Committee

Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp Committee

Discussion was held on these committees including the need for a group or someone to take leadership of the Anniversary Committee and discussion was held about how the 125th Anniversary could be celebrated including the possibility of holding it the Sunday of the Roseau County Fair.

Braden Stroot will now chair the Worship and Music Committee. Val Espe and Ann Haaby will continue to line up special music. Discussion was also held concerning the Decorating Committee with some feeling the need for a second coat rack allowing more space.

A motion to approve the Standing Committees was made by Todd Peterson, seconded by Milly Pracher. Motion approved.

**2019 Operating Budget and Capital Projects Presentation**

Rob Stroot, Acting Trustee Chair, lead the discussion on the operating budget of the church for 2019. This includes salaries for Senior Pastor Steve Hoffer, Kecia Stroot, Children and Family Pastor, and Bryan Dickson, Youth Ministry Director.  Other staff include Administrative Assistant Kristine Dickson, custodian, and treasurer. Rob directed members to the budget and talked about the increases for ministerial staff within the budget. A discussion followed on merit pay and how decisions are made for this part of the budget.

**Three Capital Projects**

Rob talked about the youth specific activity room on the north side of the education wing ($30,000) funded from the Church Mission Fund.

Storage Shed ($20,000) funded from Building Fund.

Tables and Chairs ($5,628.01) funded from Kitchen fund.

Rob answered questions from church members on all three projects. (voting on projects to follow)

**Election of Board Members and Officers**

Don Miller, Nominating Committee Chair, reported that the Nominating Committee met several times to fill positions for the upcoming year. He thanked the committee, as he stated it is not always easy to find volunteers, but with prayer and support from so many the positions usually get filled. Don noted an addition to the ballot of Kecia Stroot serving a 3-year term on the Mission and Outreach Board. Tony thanked Don and the Nominating Committee for their continued service.

**Member Vote**

Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church 2019 Ballot Nominations were distributed as was a second ballot for 3 Capital projects and Operation Budget (2019.)

Members voted in favor of all new board members and Leadership Council members.

Operating Budget Approved 58 yes / 5 No

All 2019 Capital Projects Approved

Youth Room

54 yes / 9 No

Storage Shed

39 yes / 21 No

Tables and Chairs

62 yes / 1 no

Tony thanked those who had served on the boards in the past year and to those who will serve in the upcoming year. Tony gave a charge to boards and committees to review guidelines/expectations of specific board or committees at the first meeting in 2019 and to vote to elect/appoint officers and representatives as needed.

**Old Business**- None

Motion to adjourn by Gwynne Roadfeldt, seconded by Dave Anderson. Motion passed.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Steve

Respectfully Submitted,

Leadership Council Secretary, Pam Iverson

Leadership Council Chair, Tony Fichter