

## Minutes from Special Congregational Meeting – March 10, 2020

The meeting was opened with prayer and called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Dorothy Zimmerman. The lamp was lit, signifying God's presence and guidance over the meeting. There were approximately 65 in attendance. Notice of this meeting was given to the congregation via email and bulletin announcements for three weeks, beginning February 23, 2020. There are two items on the agenda:

- 1. Selection of a Pastoral Search Committee.** Nominations for this committee were taken from the congregation for three weeks and include (in alphabetical order) Doris Claassen, Rodney Ensz, Shana Ensz, Brandon Esau, Brett Esau, Don Esau, Jane Esau, Paula Heinz, Kari Janssen, Katie Jantzen, Christina Lyons, John Penner, John Regier, Jerry Reimer, Ross Reimer, Brad Thimm, Lori Thimm, Erin Vanderschaaf, and Van Vanderschaaf. Chair Zimmerman reviewed the process through which the Search Committee will be elected. Appointed tellers are Don Jantzen, Mike Goossen, and Lisa Goossen. She instructed the voters to circle five names on the distributed ballots which listed all 19 nominees. This vote will narrow the field to 10 nominees. The tellers tallied the votes. The first vote to narrow the field of Pastoral Search Committee nominations to 10, resulted in 12 names continuing on to the second vote due to ties. These names were written on a white board: Shana Ensz, Rodney Ensz, Brett Esau, Kari Janssen, Katie Jantzen, John Penner, John Regier, Jerry Reimer, Brad Thimm, Ross Reimer, Lori Thimm and Erin Vanderschaaf. Voters were instructed to again vote for five nominees, this time on individual blank ballots. Following the tallying of this vote, **the five member Pastoral Search Committee is, (in alphabetical order) Katie Jantzen, John Penner, Jerry Reimer, Lori Thimm, and Erin Vanderschaaf.**
- 2. A recommendation from the Church Board:** Building Chair Bryan Heinz presented the church board recommends to the congregation that carpet tiles be purchased and installed in the basement at a cost of approximately \$9,200 to be paid for with undesignated foundation funds minus any congregational donations toward the project. He distributed a sample tile and fielded questions. The vote was called for this recommendation and **passed 63 to 1** on paper ballot. Votes were tallied by Chair Zimmerman and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with prayer. The lamp was extinguished, symbolizing that God remains not only in this place, but goes with us into the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant