Westwood Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2018

Attending: 173 voting members attended the annual meeting. Church Council President Karoline Pierson reported that there was a quorum (of at least 100 members present) to conduct business and then called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Council President Karoline Pierson started the meeting at 9:50 a.m. by welcoming those present and Pastor Jason Van Hunnik led participants in an opening prayer.

Secretary’s Report: Council Member Kristi Taft addressed the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Congregation, copies of which were provided within the Annual Report to meeting participants. She asked if attendees would like the minutes to be read aloud or had any corrections. There were no such requests or corrections noted. President Pierson asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion was passed.

Treasurer’s Report:
1. Previous Year Financial Report
   Treasurer James Behnke thanked the congregation for their faithful stewardship in supporting God’s mission at Westwood. He then referred to the Treasurer’s Report found in the 2017 Annual Report which was made available to participants. James provided a brief overview of the report, pointing out that the Town Meeting had been held the previous Sunday where Q & A and discussion took place. He asked for a motion to approve the report. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion passed.

2. Current Year Proposed Budget
   President Pierson introduced Dave Hill, Chair of the Financial Management Advisory Group. Dave highlighted key points of the 2018 budget. After reviewing the budget, President Pierson asked for a motion to approve the budget. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion passed.

Ministry Minute:
Aysha Wanless and her daughters provided written highlights about their experience at Westwood as new members, which Pastor Jason read (as they were ill). They joined the congregation just two weeks ago.

Nominations Report and Elections:
Diane Hoffstedt, Nominations Team member thanked members of the committee and presented the following slate of candidates for Church Council and Nominations Team:
   o Officers and Council
- **Secretary (4-year term):** Wanda Nightengale
  - **Council Members-At-Large (3-year term):** Laura Smith, Jim Fiebelkorn

- **Nominations Team** (for 1st of 2 one-year terms):
  - Karin Renier
  - Jane Severson Kelly
  - Phil Coen-Pesch

- **Nominations Team** (for 2nd one-year term):
  - Dave Guenzel
  - Diane Hoffstedt
  - Erica McDougall
  - Betsy Zimmerman

Diane moved that “the slate of nominees as presented by the Nominations Team be accepted and the individuals on that slate be elected to the positions indicated and for the terms stated”.

President Pierson asked if there were any nominations from the floor for these positions. Hearing none, she declared the nominations closed and asked for approval. The motion was made and seconded, and the motion passed.

Karoline thanked all who have served in leadership roles and to all who will be serving in the coming year.

**Foundation Report:**
The Westwood Lutheran Memorial Foundation incoming President, Marcy Yarger, delivered the Foundation Report which continues to thrive, grow and support Westwood and its many programs through gifts and grants.

**Council Listening Report:**
President-Elect Chris Hentges shared the names of the community speakers that the Council has had come in over the past months and highlighted some things that were gleaned from these discussions that the Council will use in planning going forward.

**Westwood Roadmap:**
President Pierson presented the Westwood Roadmap- Looking towards the “ventures of which we cannot see the ending…” (See Roadmap in Annual Report.)

**Senior Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Tania Haber
Pastor Tania reported on how Pastor Jason’s title will be changing to Executive Pastor
She indicated that this change does not indicate anything for future staff transitions

**New Business:**
President Pierson thanked outgoing Council members. She then asked whether there was any further new business, comments or discussion items. Hearing none, she entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. A closing prayer concluded the meeting.