

Congregational Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church
May 17, 2009

On May 17, 2009 the annual business meeting of the congregation was held to consider the proposed budget of \$2.1million for the 2009/10 fiscal year. Doug Aldrich, President of the Church Council, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry opened with prayer.

Doug Aldrich provided introductory comments regarding the budget process.

Joel Halvorson, Director of Finance and Administration, reviewed the proposed budget.

Ray Podjasek, a member of the congregation, began asking questions about the budget process and the use of Bethany Foundation funds to supplement the General Fund in these extraordinary times. The Parliamentarian, David Gies, called a point of order and recommended that questions concerning the Foundation's role in the budget process were not appropriate at that point of the meeting, but could be discussed after a motion was made regarding the budget.

Pastor Ron Glusenkamp discussed the Mission, Vision and Goals of the church as well as the programs and plans for the coming year.

Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry discussed the status of the Senior Ministry programs.

Stewardship Leader Ron Bruggeman provided comment about the stewardship challenge for this congregation.

Kevin Dempsey moved that the \$2.1 million budget amount be approved for the 2009/10 fiscal year.

Discussion of the motion then occurred.

A motion to call the question on the proposed motion was made by Beth Walker. Immediately following this motion, Ray Podjasek requested an amended motion to table the budget decision and form a committee to review and evaluate all possible options for the budget. The parliamentarian, David Gies, recommended that the amended motion be heard prior to the vote on the original motion. Doug Aldrich accepted the recommendation and allowed the amended motion to be heard.

Ray Podjasek then moved to table consideration of the proposed budget and form a committee to review and evaluate budget alternatives. The motion was seconded. A motion to call the question on the amended motion was made by Del Hock.

A vote on the amended motion by show of hands was held. The amended motion was defeated by a vote of 123 to 18.

Doug Aldrich then proceeded with the vote on the motion to approve the proposed budget. Ballots were distributed and collected by the tellers (Marie Friedemann, Tom Monson and Diane Williams).

The vote was by written ballot, and the motion to approve the budget of \$2.1m for the Fiscal Year of 2009/10 passed by a vote of 145 in favor, 41 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

Pastor Ron Gluesenkamp closed the meeting with prayer, after which the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.