

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
*Of the Association of*  
**Luther Park Bible Camp, Inc.**  
*Chetek, Wisconsin 54728*  
**February 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Luther Park Bible Camp**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order** President, Pastor Brad Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:07

**Declaration of quorum to conduct business** (40 to have quorum)  
70 voting delegates and a quorum was declared.

**Acceptance of New Member Churches and those who signed Covenant after January 2019**.....President Brad Peterson  
No new member churches

**Devotions**.....Pastor Brad Peterson, LP Board  
President  
Isaiah 42:6  
First act as Pastor was to come to Luther Park. There is a legacy of being a light to the future. This will continue for years to come. Give thanks to the past.

**Introductions**

**Staff** Keith Newman  
Keith introduced staff members and thanked them for all they do here at camp. 7 staff members year-round. 40 additional staff for the summer.

**Board Members** Pastor Brad Peterson introduced the Board Members

**Presentation of Agenda** – Motion to approve or revise

No changes  
MSC Pastor Josh Toufar, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Eau Claire, Kris Jenson, Shepherd of the Hill, Elk Mound

**Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting held January 26, 2019** – Motion to approve or revise

No corrections  
MSC Pastor Josh Toufar, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Pastor Anna Sorenson, French Creek Lutheran Church, Ettrick

**Program Report and Summer Slide Show**.....Ross Hardie, Program Director

Ross showed the video of moments at camp last summer. See brochure - 3 new programs: Senior high to Woods, Bicycle Trip to Lake Wissota, Upper MS and HS Art Camp. A high school program is offered each week. Recruitment for summer staff.

Need 40 counselors. Promote camp in your congregations. Room for growth on campus and VBS. Went over what is in the promotional box.

**Executive Director Report:** Keith Newman

Need for summer staff. Recap of the year. Annual meeting, snow, quilt retreat, more snow, quilt retreat, more snow. One month between snow melting and summer staff arriving. Volunteer day, playground built and a ton of extra work. Eagle scout put in three fire rings. Storm damage: lost 4 vehicles. Trees down everywhere in the 100's. Lost all the food due to loss of electricity. About 700 volunteer hours helped get camp back up and running. Huge thank you to all volunteers who came for clean up. Quilt auction raised about \$33,000.

**Break:**

**Capital Campaign and Construction Update.** Kellee Pettik and Don Moats

A review of the campaign so far. Kickoff started by Breaking Chains and Them Coulee Boys. Spirit Lutheran kicked off with a 100,000 donation. Started in July with church presentations. Have presented to over 50 churches and 40 other groups. 1.2 million in total pledges. Leaves a gap of 350,000 to 400,000 after matching grants are met. Need more volunteers to reach churches. Look at trust or endowment funds, friends, relatives. Tool kits will be provided including progress report, matching grant info, creative fundraising ideas, creative ideas for kids, retirement giving, pledge card, testimonials from kids, photos from construction.

Old chapel was built in 1934 and not functional most of the year. Original plan was to begin construction in 2021. An anonymous donor offered to provide a 1million dollar construction loan interest fee. Construction costs have gone up 10% over the past five years. Things went into motion getting permits and approvals and much paperwork. Construction began in November. Building will be finished mid May. On schedule. Public dedication on June 6.

Question raised on what happens to that interest free loan if money does not come in. Is there a deadline on that loan. Not at this time

Question raised on future of chapel. For now, leave as is. Eventually remove about 2/3 of it leaving the fireplace room. Remove added on roof and leave as open pavilion with fireplace wall and original roof.

Question raised about gifts given in 2019. Gifts given under Cleveland grant in 2019 are honored.

**Finance Committee Report** – Don Moats, Treasurer

2019 ended in the black for third year in a row and have not had to use our line of credit. See report. Things were pretty tight this fall with a real watch on expenses. Received 11,000 so far in logging operations. Need to reroof parts of Shalom and Covenant. Have insurance money to cover that and has been set aside in a reserve account.

**Endowment Committee**

See report.  
127,072,53. increase of \$6,077.33 from previous year.

**Unfinished Business** - none

**New Business**

Constitutional change was presented by Keith Newman, Executive director.

C4.01 The business of the Corporation shall be transacted by the Board of Directors. Each director must be a *voting* member of a ~~member~~ congregation. Their manner of election or appointment shall be as provided in the by-laws adopted by the corporation.

Motion Dale Kringel, Our Saviors Lutheran, Campia, Whitney Falkenberg,  
Amendment: Remove the word "member", add the word "voting." Amendment passed.

Motion Ron Matthews First Lutheran, Barron, 2<sup>nd</sup>, David Matthis, Central Lutheran Church, Mondovi to approve the constitution change with amendment.  
Vote: 78 for 2 opposed, motion carries

**By-law Change**

B2.04.01 The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) members, ~~with three (3) (one clergy, two lay) from each of the four regional clusters.~~ One (1) member will come from each of the regional clusters and *eight members will be at large*. The at-large ~~and officer~~ members are not bound to come from a regional cluster or member congregation. A minimum of two (2) board members ~~positions~~ must be ~~clergy~~ *rostered leaders of the ELCA*

Motion Pastor Josh Toufar, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Eau Claire, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dale Kringel, Our Saviors Lutheran, Campia to approve by-law change.

Amendment: change the word "clergy" to "rostered leader of the ELCA."  
Motion Pastor Anna Sorenson, French Creek Lutheran Church, Ettrick; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Karen Behling, Our Saviours Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls. Amendment passed.

Amendment: remove "four (4) members will be officers, and four (4) will be at large" to "eight members will be at large."  
Motion David Bartlet, Hay River, Josh Toufar, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Eau Claire. Amendment passed.

Motion Martin Hallom, St. Johns Bloomer, Pastor Anna Sorenson, French Creek Lutheran Church, Ettrick to pass the by-law change as amended.  
Vote 77 for, 1 opposed, motion carries

These two changes will be voted upon again at the next Annual Meeting.

Bios of the nominees will be brought to the annual meeting for voting.

**Budget**..... Don Moats, Treasurer

Proposed budget, for 2020, See report

Annual fund needs to continue to grow, hope to increase our rental income

Questions: Total expenses 738,933.17 Profit 62,966.83

Why did the salary decrease: Because Kellee's salary is now being paid out of Campaign fund

A mistake was acknowledged in the categorizing of the expense of roofing/insurance payment.

Josh Toufar, call to question

Budget passes

**Election of Board Members**.....Pastor Brad Peterson

Cluster I – *Pastor Joel Bacon*

Cluster II –*someone needed*

Cluster III – *Pastor Patrick Patterson*

Cluster IV –*Bryan Staff,*

Kris Jenson, shepherd of the hill in Elkmound nominated by Pastor Karen Behling

MSC Pastor Josh Toufar, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Ron Matthews First

Lutheran, Barron,

d) **Election of Nominating Committee**.....Pastor Brad Peterson

Those who will complete their term in 2021:

*Cluster I – Mike Kinney, Pastor Tim Schmidt.*

*Cluster II –Pastor Martin Halom, Pastor Brad Peterson*

*Cluster III –Cheryl Johnson, Pastor Josh Toufar,*

*Cluster IV –Pastor Mike Vetsch, someone is needed*

*We need one member from each cluster to serve with these board members*

Pastor Anna Sorenson , Megan Matthis both nominated for Cluster IV

Anna withdrew her name from the ballot, Megan approved

MSC Dale Kringle, Our Saviors Lutheran, Campia, Joan Moe, Hope in Eau Claire

**Installation of Newly-Elected Board/Committee Members**—Pastor Josh Toufar

**Outgoing Board Member Recognition** Pastor Brad Peterson, Pastor Jason Clifton, Whitney Falkenberg

### **Announcements**

Pastor Valerian Ahls thanked Pastor Brad for his service in honor of Ben Ahls Iverson.

Pastor Ahls pledged to donate \$500 to the annual fund and \$500 to the capital campaign fund as his responsibility and obligation

Dedication June 6 for new ministry center, 2:00 p.m. Bishop will attend, Paul Ohman will be painting, music through the decades at Luther Park will be presented.

**Adjournment 1:02 pm**

MSC Pastor Josh Toufar, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Martin Hallom, St. Johns, Bloomer

**Lord's Prayer. & Table Prayer**.....Pastor Brad Peterson