

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2023

Semi Annual Voters Assembly: March 19, 2023

Ingrid Sievers, Board of Director's Chair called the Voters' Meeting to order at 1:25 pm, following the congregational lunch.

Pastor Michael Von Behren open the congregational meeting in prayer.

Ingrid Sievers asked the Congregation to review minutes from the November 20, 2022 Congregational Voters Meeting. **Mardi Ellwanger** made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by **Debbie McBride**. The motion carried with all ayes.

Chuck Keller, Board Treasurer presented a summary of the 2022 Financial Report contained on pages 14 through 19 of the 2022 Annual Summary. He noted the following highlights:

- Sonshine Preschool ended 2022 in the positive, with net revenues of \$6,522 for 2022 (reference page 14 of the 2022 Annual Report).
- Mission Support outside of Holy Cross totaled \$75,678 in 2022 (reference page 15 of the 2022 Annual Report).
- The Endowment Fund established in 2004 has grown to a total of \$201,290, with an increase of \$9,308 in 2022 due to investment income, ongoing contributions, and contributions from estates in 2022 (reference page 15 of 2022 Annual Report).
- The profit and loss statement indicated that while general given was down as compared to 2021, expenses were also down also in 2022 (reference Profit & Loss Statement on page 16 of 2022 Annual Report).
- It was noted that total giving in 2022, including donations with to the Living Stones, actually was an increase over previous years (reference the Holy Cross Giving Picture graph on page 19 of the 2022 Annual Report).
- It was noted that paying of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund Mortgage ten years early result in a cost savings of approximately \$200,000.
- The Congregation was given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the Financial Report. Questions were asked and answered.

Ingrid Sievers provided the Congregation with an overview of the Focus Group meetings currently underway. She noted at the last congregational meeting, the Congregation held "table talks" regarding which ministries Holy Cross needs to rebuild or expand, and what type of staff we may need to support those existing and expanded ministries. The Focus Group meetings are

an effort by the Board of Directors to better understand the needs and future vision of the Congregation. She encouraged congregational members to sign up for the three remaining focus group meetings, and to bring their elementary, middle and high school students to participate. She encouraged the congregation to "Save the Date" for another Congregational Voters Meeting to be held on Sunday, June 11th, when the Board of Directors will share the findings from these focus group meetings, and offer the Congregation with the opportunity to make some decisions about the future for Holy Cross Ministries.

After offering the congregation an opportunity to ask questions, Ingrid closed the Voters' portion of the meeting in prayer at 1:45 pm.