



# 2019 Annual Report

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*To be disciples and to make disciples*

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St. Andrew's Lutheran Church  
Congregation Meeting  
Sunday, June 9, 2019

With a quorum being met, Holly Ferrante called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm

- I. Opening Prayer: Pastor Manuel Retamoza
- II. Approval of the Agenda: Russ Mohedano made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mimi Porter and was approved by all.
- III. Approval of the 2018 Congregation Meeting Minutes: Sara Hench made a motion to approve the 2018 congregation meeting minutes. They were seconded by Scott Page and approved by all.
- IV. Receipt of the 2018 Annual Report: Cindy Page made a motion to approve the receipt of the 2018 Annual Report. It was seconded by Russ Mohedano and approved by all.
- V. Elections: Lori Herman made a motion to approve the elections. Mimi Porter seconded and they were approved by all.
  - A. New Council Members (2 year terms)
    - Secretary – Lydia Dix
    - Treasurer – Carol Sherry
    - Worship Liaison – Rick Bushore
    - Hospitality Liaison – Jillian McClellan
  - B. New Outreach and Endowment Committee members (3 year term)
    - Gordon Gidlund
    - Dawn Miller
  - C. Gifts in Memorial Committee member (3 year term)
    - Pauline Hankel
  - D. 2020 Nominating Committee members:
    - Kyle Tweet
    - Susan Fox
    - Zachary Rivera
    - Tami Shaffer
    - Cheryl Walczak
    - Melissa McElvain
  - E. Thank you to out-going council and committee members:
    - Mimi Porter
    - Roy Gash
    - Cindy Williams
    - Kristin Timmons
    - Kim Stabley
    - Frank Herman
    - Russ Mohedano
- VI. 2019 Budget/Financial Update
  - A. We had a budget of \$311,265 and spent \$318,665, which left a deficit of \$7,400.
  - B. We hired Lee Eddy as the Maintenance Coordinator (formerly known as Custodian) and an intern from Options for All. Lee supervises the intern.
- VII. Outreach Endowment Committee By-Law Change:
  - A. Myrt Niesley explained the fund and the clarification of the language used.

- B. Mimi Porter made a motion to approve the change. Scott Page seconded it and the motion carried.
- VIII. Report from the Pastors
- A. Pr. Manuel Retamoza recognized Meri Jo Petrivelli for her 6 years of service on the church-wide council
  - B. St. Andrew's has received \$31,000 in grants from the LRCC. The money will go to pay for a staff person to run the Connections Program on the border.
  - C. We received two grants through the Synod for outreach and Christian education. We will begin renovating the community center to create one large room upstairs. It will be used for larger meetings, such as council, and will hold up to 50 people. The room will have its own thermostat and a window that opens. We will also create a space for babies, small children and their parents called a pray-ground. It's important to note that Thrivent Action Team grants are also available.
  - D. The pastors are also still at work developing faith-formation ministries, welcome ministries and communion kits for travelers
  - E. Summer plans: Pr. Manuel Retamoza will be coming and going all summer. He will be gone during the week, but will return home on the weekends.
  - F. Coming up: youth trips, summer camps, VBS, Confirmation camp, and the formal dinner in August.
- IX. Other business: Bill Lyon will join the Endowment Committee to take the place of Dave Nesvig who has passed away.
- X. Closing Prayer: Pr. Sarah Sumner Eisenbraun

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Williams, Church Council Secretary

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church  
Congregational Meeting  
Sunday 12/08/2019

Meeting was called to order by President Holly Ferrante at 12:20 pm, after reaching a quorum.

- I. Opening Prayer was offered by Pr. Manuel Retamoza.
- II. The 2020 budget was presented in the new streamlined format, grouping together formerly separate line items into a common group. Carol Sherry (treasurer), Pr. Sumner-Eisenbraun and Holly Ferrante answered questions regarding the new format. The individual line item data is available on request. Nick Ferrante made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Alan Frostrom. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Pastor Manuel Retamoza and Pastor Sarah Sumner-Eisenbraun Report:
  - A. Construction will begin soon in the Community Center. The wall between Room 1 and Room 2 and the hallway will be removed to make one large room that will accommodate groups up to 50 people. There will be room for a library and a computer desk. The climate control issues in this space will be resolved. It is currently scheduled for completion in Feb.
  - B. The damage done by racoons above the organ pipes is scheduled to be repaired.
  - C. The Extravaganza, a gathering for over 800 church workers, is being held in Anaheim this year. Both Pr. Retamoza and Pr. Sumner-Eisenbraun are on the planning committees. Pr. Sumner-Eisenbraun is working on the Main Stage and Worship Planning. Pr. Retamoza is on the Executive Team. Because it is local, several of our youth will be included. Next year it will be held in Minneapolis, MN.
  - D. Space rent has been raised for outside groups that use our facilities to help defray the cost of maintenance.
  - E. The bi-annual carpet cleaning is scheduled to be done by Chem Dry. They will do the entire carpet, not just the spots.
  - F. Some highlights of the past year include:
    - a. Lutherfest was added to the Blessing of the Animals Service. The event was well attended and attracted members of the community and families of the Pre-school children.
    - b. God's Work, Our Hands, which included an international option with the trip to Miracle Ranch, was well received.
    - c. The office computer server has been replaced. Everything is now on the Cloud. E-mail addresses have all been changed.
    - d. A new phone service has been obtained, saving \$500/month. One land line remains as it is required for the elevator and fire protection in the Community Center. It has the option to forward phone calls directly to personal cell phones, allowing for a lot of flexibility.
    - e. The staff retreat included one overnight in Mexico, allowing time for reflection and planning for the future.
    - f. Church-Wide Assembly was held in Milwaukee, with several St. Andrew's members in attendance.
    - g. Plans are being made to purchase a wheelchair-accessible van for the church. It will be available to all groups in the church and does not require a special driver's license to operate.
    - h. Pr. Retamoza, Pr. Sumner-Eisenbraun, and MeriJo Petrivelli attended the Oasis, providing training for synod and church wide strategic planning.

- i. A task force has been formed to research ways to deal with some concerns regarding Jon, the homeless man that lives on our campus. Members of the task force are, Brian McMullen, Brian McClellan, Jeannine Eddy, Lydia Dix and both pastors.
- j. The positive response to the stewardship drive this year reinforces the commitment that members of St. Andrew's have in sharing the love of our Lord with others as we move forward
- k. A surprise celebration was held to commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pr. Retamoza's call to St. Andrew's.

IV. Closing prayer was offered by Pr. Sarah Sumner-Eisenbraun.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Dix, Secretary