

Faith Lutheran Congregational Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting to Approve Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions Updates

November 21, 2021
Approved 12/12/2021

Meeting called to order – Jennifer Prince

Constitution Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions – Jennifer and Matthew Nygard

It has been a long time since we updated Faith's Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions. A Sub-Committee was selected to review the documents and recommendations from the ELCA. The Synod's attorney Murrey was engaged in the process and approved the edits.

Matthew added the following points regarding the process and examples of changes.

- The ELCA guideline template was starting point for Faith's updates, which included updates to some terms and wording. There are areas that are not allowed to be edited, as required by the ELCA. Answers to frequently asked questions were included in the materials distributed.
- Some examples of changes -
 - Wording about what constitutes a quorum was updated.
 - Electronic meeting option was included.
 - The Winter Congregational Meeting was selected as the official Annual Meeting, as required.
 - New format help eliminate going between multiple documents to find information.
 - Made some items continuing resolutions.
 - A passed vote will need to be 2/3 of the quorum that is present during vote.
 - Synod Attorney has to verify nothing is conflicting with Synod guidelines.

In review of the published document submitted for approval, it was brought to the Executive Committee's and Constitution Sub-Committee's attention that Endowment Fund edits were made without the most recent wording and guidelines. These changes will be included in final draft as submitted for ratification at the December 2021 Congregational Meeting. This is a great example of the process working as intended and thank you to John Power and the Endowment Committee for bringing the corrections forward.

Opening Prayer – Pastor Derek

Questions and Discussion – None

Jennifer called for a vote to approve the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions; motion carried unanimously.

75th Celebration

Celebration Prayer – Pastor Derek

Message from Bishop Craig Schweitzer

History of Faith Lutheran

Message from Reier Thompson, President, Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center

Message from Rev. Janis Sloka, Executive Director, Camp of the Cross

Closing Prayer – Pastor Sylvia

Meeting adjourned – 57 members in attendance

Steven Sundvor, Secretary