

## VERMONT CHURCH 2006 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2007

**The meeting called to order 11:30 AM at Vermont Lutheran Church** by President, Don Parrell. Pastor Jim Schwarz opened the meeting with prayer.

**Change in the Order of Business** was motioned for ease of handling the agenda (Peter Antonie, Klover Schafer) and carried by the congregation on a voice vote.

**Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Jan 29, 2006** were handed out, read and opened for discussion. A motion was made (Peter Antonie, Bud Erickson) and carried by voice vote of the congregation to approve the minutes.

**Annual Report and 2006 Budget:** Don Parrell reviewed the many events and mission activities that occurred in the past year (see attached Annual Report packet for details). As on July 1, 2006, Vermont became a free-standing congregation sharing the pastoral care of Pastor John Shep with the congregations of St. John and St. Paul in the Town of Berry. The kitchen of our church was fully remodeled to modernize it, so that we can continue to use this important tool for mission. The Lutefisk dinner, alone, provided \$11,850 for the mission budget and \$1,800 for the Endowment Fund. Of the total cost of \$73,579, only a \$16,600 debt to the Cemetery Fund remains outstanding. It is anticipated that debt will be retired by 2008. Vermont celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary during the months of June and July recognizing how the Lord has worked through our predecessors for 150 years and focusing how we, the current congregation, will continue His work in local, national and global mission now and into the future. After time was given for the congregation to read, review, comment on and question the 2006 reports of the Treasurer, Women of the ELCA, Endowment Fund, Lutefisk Dinner, Kitchen Remodeling Project, Building Improvement Fund and Memorial Fund, a motion was made (Bud Erickson, Jim Ludolph) and the congregation approved the reports from the 2006 Budget on a unanimous voice vote.

**2007 Budget:** Don Parrell reviewed the proposed 2007 budget (see attached Annual Report packet for details). There was total proposed budget of \$121,405. Vermont will continue to fund 60% of Pastor John's salary package with the Berry churches sharing the other 40%. Peter Antonie entreated our members to step up to and exceed the budget with thoughtful and prayerful giving of financial resources. David Dybdahl commented on the important contributions of time and talent given by members to support our many missions. Motion was made (Jane Hanson, David Dybdahl) and carried unanimously by a voice vote of the congregation to pass the proposed 2007 budget.

**Elections for Council and other Elected Positions:** The following individuals were nominated. Following the motion to accept the entire ballot as presented (David Dybdahl, Ginny Johnson) the ballot was approved on a unanimous voice vote of the congregation present.

- o Trustees: Klover Schafer (2<sup>nd</sup> term) and Gary Olsen (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- o Deacons: Patty Herrling (2<sup>nd</sup> term) and Jon Urness (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- o Financial Secretary: Appointed by council. Joanne Skalet agreed to serve again.
- o Endowment Committee: Greg Herrling, Karsten Haugen, Eric Haugen
- o Sunday School Superintendent: Elected by Sunday School Board
- o Synod Assembly Representatives: Marlene Ludolph and Klover Schafer
- o 2007 Nominating Committee: Appointed by Church Council
- o 2007 Christmas Tree Committee: Doris Hayes, Ludolph Family, Herrling Family

### **New Business:**

- o Vermont Church has a new web site: [www.vermontlutheran.org](http://www.vermontlutheran.org). It is a work in progress overseen by Gary Olsen and Jamie Hanson.
- o In response to the time, talent and interest surveys, a 10-week adult Bible Study will start Wed. Jan 17. The first 5 weeks will run until Lent at St Paul's Church and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 week will conclude at Vermont. The subject, "The Parables", will be taught by Pastor John.
- o The Stewardship Commitment Project is set to begin the first week in February. Look for news in the February edition of the Connection.
- o We will be doing joint Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship with the 5 area Lutheran Churches.
- o 3 January Cabin Fever Relievers/Travelogues begin tonight at Vermont. They are open to the public.
- o Our new Church Directory will be finalized in the next week.

**Motion was made (Jane Hanson, Michael Dauck) to adjourn the meeting at Noon.**

Respectfully Submitted by Bonnie Dauck, Vermont Council Secretary