

**Gold Hill Lutheran Church**  
**Annual Meeting – January 27, 2019**

The Annual Meeting of Gold Hill Lutheran Church was called to order by Council President Peggy Probasco at 11:30 a.m. following a Pot Luck Brunch. Sixty-one members of the congregation signed the attendance sheet (It is attached.). Julie Corbin provided a Bingo game for anyone who wished to play. The squares included words that were going to be spoken by Pastor Laurie Jungling or anyone at the microphone during the meeting. Prizes were awarded throughout the meeting.

The agenda, reports and proposed budget were on the tables.

Pastor Laurie opened the meeting with prayer. It was moved, seconded and approved that the minutes from last year's annual meeting be accepted as printed.

**President's Report:** Peggy thanked the council and members of the congregation. It has been a difficult past two years and hopes that moving forward everyone will show respect for the feelings and opinions of others and listen to each other as we call a new Pastor.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Laurie Jungling emphasized that the annual report in front of everyone is a story of the life of this congregation. Be sure to read carefully the reports of the different ministries of this reach. They show our faith in love and outreach to others. The report shows the resources, monies and caring that has gone into the Property of the Church. She thanked all who have shared their gifts and continue to do so. The budget tells the story of the congregation's look toward the future. There is a transition team in place and named in her report that will be looking carefully at the future of the church and needs input from each and every one. The role of the transition team will be to empower, teach, and encourage each other. They will be using the questions found on page 5, paragraph two of her report. Pastor Laurie asked everyone to use the blank sheets of paper in the center of the table and answer the following three questions: 1. What are the three current ministries of this church that you are thankful for? 2. What are three realistic wishes you have for Gold Hill Lutheran Church? 3. What are the three biggest concerns you have about reaching these future wishes? Everyone was asked to fold their papers and turn them in so that Pastor and the transition team can look at them.

Pastor emphasized that the Montana Synod would be electing a new Bishop. Everyone is encouraged to complete a survey that is on line. It must be completed by the end of February.

There was a question about the newsletter. If you have email and have not yet received the newsletter through email please let Mary know so she can add your address. Also, check your junk/spam folder in your email program. The newsletter is also available by going to the website or printed copies are available at the church.

President Peggy Probasco introduced the current members of the council and thanked them for their service.

**Financial Report:** Revonda Stordahl reviewed the shortfall that occurred in 2018. She thanked the group of individuals who met with her to help revise the budget. Unfortunately, we had to stop our giving to the Synod, but because of the generosity of members in December we were able to send an additional \$2000 to the Synod. She asked if there were any questions regarding 2018? There being none she directed everyone to the Proposed Budget on pages 28-30. Revonda went over the new format, discussed where ministries had been moved into the general budget and answered questions. This year we are budgeting to give 8% to the synod instead of 10%. Discussion was held on the desire of the church to tithe. Peggy and Revonda stated that we would like to be able to tithe, but because of the problems of last year we would rather not promise more than we can give. Curt Quist moved and Heatherlynn Meeks seconded for the question on the budget. Discussion continued on the question of tithing. Bruce Graving moved to amend the Budget by stating: Gold Hill would keep the 8% in the budget (and communicate the 8% to Synod) as printed but would strive to be able to send to the Synod the 10% based on the loose and envelope offering received. Curt and Heatherlynn agreed to the change in the motion.

Questions were asked regarding the advertising in the newspaper. Advertising would be done for the special additions (Christmas and Easter) as well as the editions welcoming the Tech students.

Encouragement was given to those who do not use their offering envelopes to please put their offering envelope number on their check. The counters can not give credit to you for your gift if it doesn't have the number and it takes time to find the number and assign it to the checks.

Bob Brown emphasized that as a representative of the congregation at the Synod Assembly each representative is asked to put the amount their church hopes to tithe on a piece of paper and put it in an offering basket during a service. He said this budget is more realistic this year and the representatives will feel better about the amount they will write on the paper and give to the synod.

There was a call for the question. The budget passed as amended.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** There was none.

**Elections:** Sample ballots were in the annual report. Each person on the ballot was introduced. Heatherlynn moved to accept the ballot by acclamation. Dick Fitzpatrick seconded. There was a question regarding the number of people being elected to serve on the Call Committee. Pastor said at least one member of the transition team and a member of council as well as Mike, as council president would be added to the committee and appointed by the council. The motion carried. The individuals elected to positions were as follows: Mike Lawson, President (2 yr. term); Curt Quist, Administrative Director (1 yr. term); Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer (2 yr. term); Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry (1 yr. term); Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry (2 yr. term); Julie Corbin, Spiritual Growth Ministry (2 yr. term); Heatherlynn Meeks, Audit Committee (3 yr. term); Vern Nielsen and Ed Engle, Trust Committee (2 & 5 yr. terms); Bruce Graving and Ruthe Meeks, FLBC Representatives; Dorothy Anne Honeychurch, Susan Stamp, Colleen Tamblyn and Mike Welker, Nominating Committee (1 yr. term); Doug Drew, Jeanette Quist, Dale Schultz, Mike Vincent, Call Committee; and Mike Lawson and Heatherlynn Meeks, Assembly Delegates for 2019.

**Any Other Business:** Bruce Graving thanked and praised Peggy Probasco for her four years of service as council president for our congregation. Appreciation for all her work was expressed by a standing ovation. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

It was moved, seconded and passed that we adjourn the 2019 annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Graving, Secretary