

Minutes  
**The Semi-Annual Meeting**  
**Of the**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Congregation**  
**Sunday, June 13, 2010, 12:15 p.m.**

**Our Mission:**      *“To be a Church that will know, grow and show God’s love, equipping everyone to pass on the Good News to the next generation”*

- Declaration of a Quorum -10% of Active Confirmed Members (114 required) – 144 counted less 4 non-members for 140 total (more voting members came in after the count)
- Handouts – Meeting agenda, Annual Meeting Minutes and a letter from congregational member Tom West (attached to this document).
- Opening Prayer – Pastor Ryan Warne-McGraw
- Lead the meeting- Scott Eaton, the Congregational President led the meeting and introduced Bishop Murray Finck, the presiding Bishop of the Pacifica Synod of the ELCA also in attendance.

**Regular Business:**

- **Moved:** That the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Congregation held Sunday, January 17, 2010 be approved - **M/S but not approved.**
  - Point of Order was raised. The Minutes handed out at the beginning of the meeting were incorrect (Annual meeting of January 18, 2009) and members of the congregation had been given incorrect minutes to approve.
  - The meeting continued to the next agenda item while the correct minutes were located and copied for the congregation members to review. Later in the agenda, the Motion was raised again.
  - **Moved:** That the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Congregation held Sunday, January 17, 2010 be approved - **M/S/A**

The next order of business involved motions that passed at the January 17, 2010 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and required a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote of the congregation for final ratification. Because of the nature of the Motions a 2/3 majority vote was required to ratify. As has been our practice on other such votes, a private ballot was used as opposed to the standard hand count;

Scott Eaton began the order of business by reviewing a time line detailing the process the congregation has been thru over the past 18 months. While Scott reviewed the timeline, private ballots were distributed to congregational members detailing the 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to withdraw from the ELCA and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve changes to the constitution.

- **Point of Order** was raised. Since the vote to approve the changes to the constitution was somewhat contingent upon approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> vote to withdraw from the ELCA, it was recommended that the vote to ratify changes to the constitution wait until results of the 1<sup>st</sup> vote was known.

The Point of Order was accepted and the vote on the 2 motions was split. The meeting continued with the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 motions;

- **Moved:** Be it resolved that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Irvine, CA end its affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America (ELCA). – **M/S**
  - Congregational members were given the opportunity to speak. One congregation member Tom West spoke concerning a letter he requested be distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Other congregation members spoke including Bishop Murray Finck. The vote via private ballot proceeded when there were no further requests to speak.
  - Congregation members were asked to vote using the private ballots which were collected by the ushers and counted in the presence of five (5) people. The votes were tallied and the **Motion was Approved** by a vote of 87% yes, 13% no with 2 abstentions.
  - Bishop Murray Finck asked to speak once the final vote had been determined. Bishop Finck read from a prepared letter expressing sorrow for our congregations vote to withdraw while celebrating the many years of service GSLC and the Pacifica Synod of the ELCA have enjoyed. The Bishop asked that God's Spirit go with GSLC and he extended his gracious hand to help GSLC through the transition. The letter was presented to the Congregational President, Scott Eaton.

Following the 1<sup>st</sup> vote (above) the meeting continued and other business was discussed. Once the result of the 1<sup>st</sup> vote had been completed, the following motion was considered. Because this motion was the 2<sup>nd</sup> ratifying vote involving changes to the constitution, it required a 2/3 majority vote to pass;

- **Moved:** that the Good Shepherd Constitution and By-laws be changed to reflect our change in affiliation **from** the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America and the Pacifica Synod of the ELCA, **to** membership only in Lutheran Congregations In Mission For Christ (LCMC). – **M/S/A** Because the vote was conducted following the 1<sup>st</sup> vote to withdraw from the ELCA, private ballots were not used. The vote was conducted via hand count. As a result of that count there was an overwhelming majority, far in excess of the 2/3 required to approve the motion with only 8 votes against. The motion was **Approved**.

The remaining business required a simple majority vote of 50% plus 1 for approval;

- **Moved:** That some GSLC members feel compelled to continue their support for the many important mission and outreach ministries of the Pacifica Synod of the ELCA. Therefore, we will continue to make a form available for members to direct their offerings and give six percent (6%) to the Pacifica Synod of the ELCA. – **M/S**
  - There was significant discussion concerning this motion. Some question the purpose of such a motion now that we had voted to withdraw from the ELCA while others wondered if placing a time limit on such benevolence was appropriate.
  - **Motion to Amend the Motion:** Congregation member Tom Gephart asked that the Motion be amended to extend for only 1 year when it would expire and require further congregational approval to continue – **M/S**.
    - The amendment as required by procedure was open for discussion. There was a spirited discussion on the matter when a second motion was raised to table amendment;



- Election of the Audit Committee:
  - **Moved:** that the following list of candidates having expressed their willingness to serve be elected to the Audit Committee - **M/S/A**
    - New Nominees**
    - Rob Havaks (re-elected)
    - Tim Johnson
    - Matt Munson
    - Tony Pena (re-elected)
  - The congregation was asked to express their appreciation to those who served on the Audit Committee this past year.
- Report from the Vice-President of Personnel, Mike Boyle on the position of Director of Youth Ministry.
  - Chris Baldwin, the Director of Youth Ministry has decided to attend the Princeton Theological Seminary this coming fall. Chris's decision to pursue a call to seminary will result in his resignation as of August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.
  - As a result a search has been conducted to find a new Director of Youth Ministry to serve at GSLC. This search resulted in the hire/promotion of Steven Johnson to the position of Director of Youth Ministries following Chris's departure.
  - Steven's background was then presented including his current position as the Director of Youth Ministry at our Northwood campus.
  - The congregation welcomed Steve to his new position and expressed congratulations to Chris in his decision to attend seminary.
- Closing Prayer – Pastor Mike Anderson
- Meeting Ending - 1:40PM
- Minutes Submitted by Mike Nau – Council Secretary