

Our Savior Lutheran Church Board of Elders Meeting Special Meeting

8:00 am Saturday, July 7, 2018

Members in attendance: Nick Dreyer, Wayne Johnson, Jim Potts, Steve Carbno, Paul Dockter, Ryan Schaan, Lynn Nord, Eric Poppinga

Chairman Nick Dreyer opened the meeting at 8:25am with prayer slightly later than planned due to a couple of members seeing the Youth Group off on their mission trip.

Chairman Dreyer called the meeting to order and explained that the reason we were meeting was to determine how best to move forward with the worship style at the 8:15 worship service. It was noted that there have been some members from that service, both some that are vocal and others who have quietly requested that the type of worship should be truly traditional in the sense that the service should be founded and carried out through liturgy and directly from the hymnal. It was stated that there are quite a few that are very preferential to that style of worship and do not like the "mixed" style of the "traditional worship". It was further noted that there are more than just one or two that are requesting this type of change and that it was more so something that those members would prefer and have preferred for some time.

It was stated that our worship style is advertised within the congregation and outside of our Church as a traditional worship and that we are not delivering on what we are advertising or saying within and outside of our Church as the type of worship at 8:15. It was also stated that there were conversations with a number of the members attending that worship and those people specifically asked for all services at 8:15 to be conducted as traditional, out of the hymnal. A point was stated that we as a Board should not make this decision, but rather put the subject to a vote for the 8:15 members and let them decide on what type of worship is appropriate for that time. A few of the Board members took issue with that comment and stated that if decisions are to be made by a Board that has been elected by the congregation and that Board just goes back to the congregation and has them vote on all types of issues, there's no need for a Board. One Board member stated that if the congregation doesn't like what we do on this Board as representatives of the congregation, we could be voted off the Board and replaced which is fine. Following this conversational topic, it was stated that there are foundational members of our Church that attend the 8:15 service and to ignore the wishes of those people would be insulting and not appropriate.

The conversation continued and it was stated that there are some that will likely take issue with a fully traditional type service and that there may be a concern that the traditional style of worship would expand outside of the 8:15 service. In reaction to this it was stated that if a member feels as if a service is too traditional, that member had two other options for worship with contemporary at 9:30 and 11:00, however if someone was looking for a worship service that was more traditional, that person would need to leave our Church and go somewhere else in town to get what they feel is a meaningful manner in which to worship.

Chairman Dreyer called for a vote which was to determine if the Board felt it was appropriate for the 8:15 worship service to be fully traditional using the hymnal within our Church. The vote passed in favor and it was decided to amend the 8:15 service to fully traditional. Chairman Dreyer stated he would advise the Governing Board and Pastoral leadership of the vote and how best to move forward.

A short discussion regarding the IIM progress took place. Eric Poppinga closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20am by Chairman Dreyer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Poppinga', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric Poppinga

Amended from original on July 16, 2018