

## **Our Savior Lutheran Church Board of Elders Special Meeting**

**6:00pm Wednesday, August 29, 2018**

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

Chairman Nick Dreyer called the meeting regarding the 8:15 Worship Service to order at 6:00pm.

Pastor Rick Jones opened with a prayer and a very applicable devotional from the book of Galatians, chapter 5.

Chairman Nick opened the meeting discussion and asked Bonnie Rennich to open with her comments. Bonnie discussed some of the things she was hearing from various members and talked about her reference to the "Who We Are" document which was referenced in a prior meeting. Various Elders posed questions as to the current status of the document and whether there was congregational review and approval of the document. There was additional discussion as to the meeting minutes of where the document was discussed and approved, who discussed it, and what was decided upon. Bonnie stated there would need to be some additional research into the topic as to the current and future status of the document and also to the location and content of the Governing Board Meeting Minutes where the document was discussed. Bonnie also presented a document that listed the number of Hymnal-Style services that were done over the past two years at OSLC. The dates for 2017 were January 21, March 12, April 30, June 11, July 9, August 6, September 17, October 12, and November 19. For 2018 the dates were January 21, March 11, April 22, June 3, July 1, August 12, September 2. There was concern from various Elders that there were gaps which ranged from 4 to 7 weeks between Hymnal-Style services. Bonnie discussed a few additional points about what members have been telling her and also that a majority of those she talked to wanted the 8:15 service to remain unchanged.

Chairman Nick thanked Bonnie for her input and for the items she presented to the Board. Bonnie was then excused and stated that she was available to return for questions if need be.

Chairman Nick asked all Elders to take their turn to discuss what they have heard from various OSLC members. One by one, we went through to discuss much of what has been heard which ranged from "leave things the way they are" to "all 8:15 services should be what is stated and that is a traditional service." We continued the discussion of what would work the best for the entire Church Family. It was stated by a couple of Elders that they found it strange why so many of those who didn't even attend the 8:15 service had an opinion on what type of worship service was being done at that time. After much additional discussion, it was decided that we should perhaps make two Sundays out of each month as scheduled, Hymnal-Style worship so there was some order to when that style of worship would be offered.

Chairman Nick asked the Elders to determine which Sundays would be best for the worship schedule. It was decided that it may be good to have the Hymnal-Style worship on one Communion Sunday and also

one on a Non-Communion Sunday. It was decided to have the Hymnal-Style Service on the second and third Sunday of the month. It was further discussed and decided that the schedule would be implemented in the second week of October.

Chairman Nick made a motion, with a second and called for a vote. The Board of Elders voted by majority to approve a Hymnal-Style worship on the second and third Sunday of each month, with the months containing a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday to alternate between the two styles of worship.

Chairman Nick stated he would draft a letter to the congregation explaining our decision and how we plan to move forward.

Chairman Nick adjourned the meeting in prayer at 8:23pm.

As a side note from the author of these meeting minutes:

Praise the Lord God our Heavenly Father that we are blessed enough to live in a country where we can not only worship openly and freely, but also have discussions on what our worship will contain. Praise God all day, every day, in every way!

Respectfully & Prayerfully Submitted,

Eric L. Poppinga