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**Redeemer Lutheran Church
Annual Voters’ Meeting
May 19, 2013**

Call to Order: 12:35 pm – Larry Stoen

Present: 60 members

Opening Devotion: Pastor Koglin

Review and Approval of January 2013 Meeting Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Year to date Income less Expenses = \$17,124. Year to date Cash Flow (year to date Income less Expenses less Mortgage Principal paid) = -\$19,115. Net Change in Cash: -\$28,199. Cash Flow Coverage Ratio remains consistent with 2012 year end level of 1.3:1.0. Mortgage balance: \$196,356.**Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.**

Staff Reports

Pastor Heining: At the close of this program year, he is thankful for the Confirmation and Bible classes he taught. The Called Staff will meet in June to plan for the next program year. He is enjoying being fully staffed this year, and looks forward to continuing to work with the challenges of the new Constitution and the assimilation of new members. New Council members will be installed on August 4.

Pastor Koglin: He has thoroughly enjoyed his first several months at Redeemer, and is feeling permanent with his family’s move into a new home. When he started, he asked to hear from the congregation so he could best serve as our Pastor, and he has appreciated this communication. He challenged the congregation to look at the Redeemer calendar from two perspectives: the many opportunities available to us and with the eyes of outreach, to invite, welcome and connect someone new into our community.

DPM: April Beckman expressed thanks for the blessings of music shared by all participants since January, including Lent and Easter. She

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encouraged members to invite others to participate, and mentioned the small group opportunities during the summer.

DCE: Michael Harvey highlighted a new focus with Family Ministry, with two aspects: reaching out and sending it home. Recently, Redeemer supported a breakfast at Longfellow School for the All Pro Dads program. Pastor Koglin attended, and this was a simple way to show Redeemer cares. The Rochester Servant Event is coming up, and a closing concert, by a nationally known Christian band, will be hosted at Redeemer and open to the community. The GTO (Growth Through Outreach) Team will help to publicize this. Peer Ministry will begin training youth to learn to care for other youth at a retreat in August. VBS donations will be used to sponsor uniforms for kids in Ntshongweni, and “Redeemer Reba” will be dressed to mark progress as donations come in. He asked for continued prayer for youth and their programs, and thanked the congregation for their support. A question from the floor asked about the DCE intern program. Money has been set aside, and the hope is to start an Intern at the beginning of next summer.

President: Larry thanked all those who helped during his term as President. He was thanked by all for going above and beyond this year, with the many changes that occurred.

Old Business

Mission Recommendations from the Stewardship Ministry Team

All recommendations for Special Offerings were voted on at the Annual Meeting in January except for the Advent Service offerings. These have now been defined as going to Ntshongweni’s special needs as determined by the Stewardship Team (uniforms, food, a car for the Pastor in partnership with the sponsoring Florida church). The Stewardship Team recommended to Council that from the recent \$37,500 Ruth Fenner Bequest, the 10% tithe to missions from all such bequests (10% also is designated to endowment) be increased from \$3,750 to \$5,000 as seed money for the Kampala Lutheran Church. The remaining 80% will be designated at a later time. Council approved this request at their May meeting. The goal is to continue our relationships with the two African congregations we support in a manner that maintains local ownership, accountability and self-sufficiency.

Motion made and seconded to approve the 2013 Advent Service offerings as designated for Ntshongweni’s special needs as determined by the Stewardship Team. Motion carried.

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New Business

Election of Officers and Board Members for 2013-2014

The slate of nominated officers and board members was presented to the Voters. **Motion made and seconded to approve the slate of nominees as presented. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Mundell