

## Underwood Lutheran Annual Meeting - January 26, 2025 Minutes

The Annual Meeting of Underwood Lutheran Church was held on January 26, 2025, following worship. There were 51 people in attendance.

Council Present: Courtney Sampson (President), Erik Pedersen (Vice-President), Analise Letner (Secretary), Pastor Scott Dalen, Jay Ackland, Ben Harold, Amber Chase, Brett Michaels (Treasurer)

Council Absent: none

### 1. **Call to Order**

President Courtney Sampson called the meeting to order at 11:13.

### 2. **Devo**

Pastor lead with a prayer.

### 3. **Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2024**

- President Courtney Sampson presented the minutes from the January 28, 2024 annual meeting. Diane Stein made a motion to approve the annual meeting minutes from January 28, 2024, seconded by Curtis Letner. Motion approved

### 4. **Nominations and Election for Office**

- Jay Ackland and Courtney Sampson will be stepping off council, so we will need two additional council members. JD Mayer and Kari Thomas have both agreed to run.
- We need two Synod Assembly Delegates.
- Greg Redshaw and Lea Voss are on the Auditing Committee, but looking for one more member. Jeff Privia made a motion to approve all nominations for council and committee positions, seconded by Arlon Bertelsen. Motion approved (*Slate of Nominations Included Below*)

### 5. **Financial Report - Brett Michael**

- Financial Report was given by Treasurer Brett Michael.
- The General Fund has a balance of \$12,413.90 at the end of 2024. This amount was \$10,973.10 at the end of 2023. The overall increase can be contributed to a few items. The overall donations were up slightly in 2024 vs 2023. There was also significant savings in 2024 in church utilities, Faith Formation Coordinator, and office supply lines when compared to 2023.
- \$2,771.92 was paid in Benevolence Items in 2024 (not including scholarships). This amount was \$1,350 in 2023.
- The "In and Out" 1700 account report includes the sewer line repair that was required in 2024. \$600 was allocated from the Parsonage Maintenance line item in budget and \$8,200 was paid by the Endowment Fund.
- Jeff Privia presented an update on performance of the total endowment fund for 2024 as of December 31, 2024.

Kathy Darrington made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Becky Pedersen. Motion approved

### 6. **Passing the Proposed 2025 Budget**

- Property tax went up a bit.
- There was a discussion of how we were saving \$700 for custodial services. Determined it was from crunching numbers and donation of supplies.
- There was a question of splitting parsonage utilities with Treynor. Council will follow up on this.
- Possibility of getting a youth program going.
- Question was brought up about the possibility of confirmation parents paying for pizza during Lent, allowing that money be used for the youth program.

Amber Chase made a motion to approve the 2025 budget as it is presented, seconded by Kathy Darrington. Motion approved

**7. Old Business**

- Update on audio and visual upgrades, currently waiting on bids.

**8. New Business**

- Nothing at this time.

**9. Pastoral Remarks - Pastor Scott Dalen**

- Pastor thanked the congregation for allowing him to serve in his position for the last 12 years.
- Pastor appreciates the congregation for being present and for their participation.
- He spoke to the fact that the lack of HS youth programming does bother him. Youth stuff is on his radar constantly.
- Pastor is thankful for the countless people that make the ministry of the church happen.

**10. Questions/Discussion**

- None at this time

**11. Adjournment**

Motion to recess the meeting by Pastor Scott seconded by Courtney Sampson. Motion approved.

Nominations/Elections

**Treasurer:**

Brett Michael

**Council:**

(3 years)

2 Seats

JD Mayer

Kari Thomas

**Synod Assembly Delegates:**

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**Auditing Committee:**

Greg Redshaw

Lea Voss

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**Financial Secretary:**

Tonya Mayer

**Scholarship Committee:**

Gary Leaders

Kathy Darrington

Greg Redshaw

Sandy Redshaw

Joyce Tiarks

**Memorial Fund Treasurer:**

Amber Chase

**Endowment Committee:**

(4 years)

Bob Dose