

**Mount Cross Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

Having been determined that a quorum of voting members was in attendance, the meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 11:30 by President Stan Patscheck.

This is a single agenda item meeting called for the purpose of a congregational vote on funding for the patio pavilion project.

Pastor John opened the meeting with a prayer.

Pastor John gave some background information on where the money initially came from for this project and how this specific project was identified to move forward with. This patio pavilion project will totally replace the existing patio and provide a permanent roof for the patio. The project will be completed in two phases with the first phase to be completed this summer and costing approximately \$120,000. The second phase will be to add the serving area and wind screen protection with a cost yet to be determined. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on providing funding for the cost of this project over what has already been designated.

Brian Edwards presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the entire project. The presentation started with stating the goals for the project. The goals outlined were to seek new or reconfigured space to permit more gatherings by a variety of groups for enhanced ministry and service to members and the community, to develop space suited to a wide range of uses with greater flexibility than the existing space that would be suitable day/night without regard to the weather and to not focus primarily on beautification, comfort or convenience but to focus on ministry enhancement. The presentation then showed artists renderings of the proposed pavilion and went through the phases of the project and the projected cost estimates for the project. It continued by outlining several funding ideas the council considered for the project before showing the funding plan up for a vote by the congregation. The plan recommended by the council would allow no more than \$40,000 to be "borrowed" from the church's reserve funds to augment the \$82,000 already in the budget for this project. A capital improvement campaign with a goal of raising \$70,000 would be started to raise money to repay the money borrowed from the reserve funds and for the second phase of the project. This would allow the construction work for phase 1 to begin in June or July of this year and hopefully be completed by the end of the summer or early fall. At the annual meeting in January of 2018 the congregation would need to vote on completing the second phase of the project and providing the funding for that phase.

After the presentation, the floor was opened for questions and discussion. Before taking questions, it was noted that the printed ballot given to the congregation members needed to be amended. It called for up to \$38,000 to be used from the reserve funds and the actual amount in the motion is \$40,000. Members were asked to change that number on their ballots.

Stan Patscheck was questioned about how the amount of \$120,000 was arrived at for the cost of this project. He reviewed the process he went through and what that number was based on and

what it covered. That number does include a cost allowance for a 10% project overrun. He also reiterated that it is impossible to know the full and complete cost of a project of this type until the project is completed.

Keith Selbrede (treasurer) and Brian Edwards (Endowment committee member) were called on to share some of the church's financial information. The reserve fund is currently at \$86,000. In addition, there is currently about \$400,000 in the Endowment fund. The endowment money is not normally available for operational use but the bylaws do state that if there is a catastrophic need the congregation can vote to use the money in a dire emergency when the risk of the congregation is at stake.

It was noted that the first phase of the project will not really meet the stated goals of the project. Those goals will only be met with the completion of the second phase.

There were questions regarding the role Stan Patscheck has in the project. He is acting as a builder/owner on behalf of Mt. Cross and is not being paid for this work. He is overseeing the project as a project manager.

It was noted that the "special funds" committee never made an official recommendation to the council or the congregation on this project. The proposal went straight to the council and was approved to move forward by the council.

After lengthy discussion, the question was called for by a member of the congregation. There were still people wanting to ask questions and be heard on the matter, but per Roberts Rules of Order, once the vote is called for the discussion needs to stop and a vote be taken. Stan Patscheck asked all those in favor of ending the discussion and going on to vote to say "Aye" in a voice vote and all those opposed to ending the discussion and going on to vote to say "Nay" in a voice vote. The "Nays" prevailed and the discussion continued.

After all the people wishing to be heard had had a chance to speak the council made the following motion:

The congregation approves spending \$120,000 on the patio project with \$82,000 being paid from the 2017 budget and no more than \$40,000 to be paid from the reserve fund for the completion of Phase I of the project and approves a capital improvement fundraiser with a goal of raising \$70,000 for the completion of Phase I and Phase II of the project be started immediately allowing the patio project construction to be started in June or July of 2017. The motion was seconded and votes were cast by paper ballots. After a short break to count the votes it was announced that the motion passed with 70 "Yes" votes and 14 "No" votes.

There being no more business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Sobolik, Recorder