**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT** Jerry Bertelson, Cody Church, Alex and Karyn Montgomery, Eric Tieszen, Sarah Woltzen, Jeff Scott, Doreen Fry, Lindsey Mehlbrech, Pat Letcher, Renae Lindbloom and Michael White. **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:**

**ELDERS PRESENT:**

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**MODERATOR:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** (done at Annual meeting)

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Alex Montgomery made a motion to approve the January 29, 2023, agenda as printed. Lindsey Mehlbrech seconded the motion; Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Michael White made a motion to approve the November 27, 2022, minutes as printed. Jeff Scott seconded the motion; Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**COMMITTEES REPORT CHAIRPERSON, DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE:**

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| **COMMITTEE** | **CHAIRPERSON** | **DELEGATE** | **ALTERNATE**  **DELEGATE** |
| **TRUSTEES:** | Jeff Scott | Jeff Scott | Roger Ketcham |
| **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** | Dianne Dawson | Eric Tieszen | Dianne Dawson |
| **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** | Erin Church Co Chairs  Susie Schroeder | Michael White | Susie Schroeder |
| **WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP** | Dick Dawson | Dick Dawson |  |
| **PASTORAL RELATIONS** | Carol Woltzen | Carol Woltzen |  |
| **WORLD OUTREACH**: | Lindsey Mehlbrech | Bo DeKramer | Lindsey Mehlbrech |
| **UWS:** |  | Carol Woltzen | Janine Nielsen |
| **MEMBER AT LARGE:** |  | Ivan Ortman |  |
| **ELDERS:** |  |  |  |
| **COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** |  | Carol Woltzen |  |
| **LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE** |  | Katie Ortman |  |
| **BUILDING EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE** |  | Sarah Woltzen | Cody Church |

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Cody Church has agreed to serve in this position)

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Council Chairperson. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Council VOTED and approved.

(Sarah Woltzen has agreed to serve in this position)

**Vice-Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Council Vice-Chairperson. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Council VOTED and approved.

(Karyn Montgomery has agreed to serve in this position)

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Council Secretary (Clerk of Session). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Council VOTED and approved.

(Doreen Fry has agreed to serve in this position)

**Financial Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Council Financial Secretary. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Council VOTED and approved.

(Larry Nebelsick have agreed to serve in this position.)

**Audit Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Audit Committee, Class of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Council VOTED and approved.

(Dianne Dawson have agreed to serve in this position.)

**Audit Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Audit Committee, Class of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Council VOTED and approved.

(Jeff Nielsen have agreed to serve in this position.)

**Audit Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Audit Committee, Class of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Council VOTED and approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** New outreach software

**TRUSTEES:**

The committee will be putting 2 new panels in parsonage sliding door and needs to discuss the church's kitchen sinks being updated.

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** no report

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** no report

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** no report

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: no report

**WORLD OUTREACH**: no report

**UWS:** no report

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** no report

**LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** no report

**BUILDING EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

January 2023

A new year is upon us and

Below are a few notes from December and January:

* Verum Tech installed new amp in sanctuary for fellowship hall and nursery. Working well.
* Continued hosting confirmation meetings with confirmands on Wednesday nights. Meeting with confirmands two-three times each month.
* Led worship w/communion at the Good Samaritan Skilled Nursing Facility in Canistota on December 7 and on Christmas Day, December 25.
* Made two hospital visits, phone calls, texts/emails (many), and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* Organized a trip to the Holy Land from our church. Seven total attendees. January 10-20, 2023. Rev. Mike Japenga from Yankton filled in for me.
* Celebrated two re-affirmations of baptism while in the Holy Land – Cody Church and Mark Jerman, and celebrated renewal of wedding vows – Mark and Pam Jerman.
* The church started using FlockNote as primary mass communication technology. Working well.
* No Prep / No Fuss Christmas program went well. At-home worship kits for Christmas Day were also well received.
* Celebrated one baptism on Jan. 8 – Logan Hofer.

Continued ideas for future ministry:

* Befriender Ministry Program
* GriefShare Ministry
* Women’s and Men’s Group
* Small Group / Book Discussion
* Prayer room / prayers available after each service in library

Coming up:

* Tami and I will be on vacation March 2-6. Seeking pulpit supply.
* Preparing for youth pizza fundraiser.
* Considering summer mission trip options. Will promote mid-February. Due to Allegiant Air’s flight school, we won’t be returning to LA this year for the mission trip. Considering a trip closer to home.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

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**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Lindsey Mehlbrech made a motion to approve the committee reports. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion, Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Request permission to serve communion once a month.

**NEXT MEETING: February 26, 2023,** World Outreach will have opening devotions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jeff Scott made a motion to adjourn. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**