

**Annual Meeting – New Journey Lutheran Church – January 28, 2024.**

**President Cindi Brady convened the meeting at 11:20 am. A quorum (at least 22 of 88 rostered members) was determined to be present.**

**The Agenda was approved as posted.**

**Pastor Beth Gallen conducted the opening devotions using the Exodus passage used for “dwelling in the word” throughout 2023. She led a discussion of the themes which emerged as congregational groups discussed the passage and asked what people thought the passage told us about “What God is asking from us in 2024?” There were various suggestions: “we’re not different from the Isaraelites.” “Have faith, don’t worry.” “Talk to God.” “Need to trust God all the time.” “We should continue our journey.”**

**Pastor offered a prayer of discernment.**

**President Brady summarized 2023. The mission spending plan finished with a modest surplus. A question was raised about what happens to that excess. The answer was that the council will consider.**

**The President briefly summarized the ministry reports which are all on-line on the website.**

**New Business:**

- 1. Jo Martinson and Mike Wilson were elected to council. The question was raised regarding the number of council members. There can be 12 total.**
- 2. President Brady thanked Helga Essert and Lou Hutchinson for their service.**
- 3. Stephen Gallen and Cindi Brady were selected to represent the congregation at the 2024 Grand Canyon Synod Assembly in Mesa, June 2024.**
- 4. Steve Brady and Ron Bigley volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee.**
- 5. The proposed 2024 Mission Spending Plan was discussed. After considerable discussion the proposal was approved, by written ballot, 28-6 in favor.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Michael Bartanen, Secretary**