

Voters Assembly Minutes
May 1, 2011
Overland Park Mission

President Dalton Kehlbeck called the May 1, 2011 meeting of the Voters Assembly to order at 1:05 p.m. Twenty-seven (27) Bethany saints attended.

Opening Devotion and Prayer

Pastor Bryan Drebes led devotion and prayer / Ephesians 5:21-30 13 / The Church as a family.

Induction of New Voting Members

President Dalton Kehlbeck introduced one new voter on the roster. A motion was made to accept her as a Voting Member of the assembly. The motion seconded and passed.

Minutes: The January 31, 2011 Voters Assembly minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Brief discussion followed with corrections submitted. The motion seconded and passed.

Constitution Revision Proposal – Ron Brockman, Constitution Committee Chairman

Ron submitted,

I move that the proposed Constitution and By-laws presented at the Annual Voters Meeting in January 2011 be given its required Second Reading, and formally adopted to become the constitution and By-laws of Bethany Lutheran Church of Johnson County Kansas - Missouri Synod with an effective date of May 1, 2011.

The motion seconded. Discussion ensued.

Ron reported that copies of the 2003 Constitution and By-laws, the 1987 Officers Manual, the proposed revisions of those documents, and a side-by-side comparison of the Constitution and By-laws documents had been available in the church office and on the church website. The constitution and by-laws documents were made available in mid-February. The Officers Manual documents were made available March 24 after Church Council approved the revisions. Notices regarding the revisions to both documents had been made in the *Life at Bethany*.

Ron stated he'd had three contacts regarding the revisions.

- A member voiced a concern that the turnaround time for the distribution of Church Council meeting minutes was too short.
- Elder elections should be part of the Constitution.
- There is no provision for the removal of former members from the Congregation's roster.

Each point was given discussion with the following findings:

- Church Council meeting minute turnaround time requirement: Concern noted and should this become too logistically arduous it will have to be revisited as another constitutional revision.
- Elder election is provided for in Article VII, Section B. of the Constitution.
- Article IV, Section E, addresses the removal of members from the Congregation's roster.

Discussion concluded and the motion passed unanimously. President Kehlbeck thanked the Constitution and By-laws Committee for their work

Closing Comments – Dalton Kehlbeck, President of the Congregation

Report of Church Council Activities

As this is a special meeting of the Voters Assembly, a formal report will be provided at the May 23 Voters Assembly meeting.

Senior Pastor Call Committee

The committee continues to move forward. There are 16 nominees at present.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Pastor Mark Schulz closed with prayer and led the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Apfel, Secretary of the Congregation