

**Hope Lutheran Church**  
**Voters' Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
**Held on February 26, 2023**

Attendance

<b>Chairman</b>	Tim Kneeland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Senior Pastor</b>	Kirk Dueker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Dave Dennison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Director of Admin &amp; SP</b>	Beverly Janosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Secretary</b>	Dave D'Aurelio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Director of Finance</b>	MaryAnne LaRuez	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ross Koenig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Members-At Large</b>	TJ Cappiello	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Pat Monaco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Morgan Stoessel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

**129 Voting Members Present**

Meeting was called to order at 12:36 PM

Opening Prayer

Pastor Kirk led the congregation in an opening prayer.

Tim Kneeland moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2022 Voters' Assembly. Dave D'Aurelio Seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Pastoral Call (Dave Day) - Introduced at 12:40 PM

Dave gave an overview of the call process and discussed, in particular, the process for calling a seminarian. He also gave a quick introduction of each of the candidates. This was followed by a question and answer session with the congregational members present.

Q & A

Q1. When would the called pastor arrive at Hope.

A1. Usually, would be mid-June to mid-July.

Q2. Have any of the candidates visited here?

A2. No. That is not the practice for seminary candidates.

Q3: When will we find out if we're getting one of the candidates assigned to us?

A3. We should have a definite answer no later than the end of April.

Q4. Do we have an alternative plan if we don't get a candidate assigned?

A4. Yes, the call committee will be continuing to meet to pursue additional options.

Q5. Is there access to the candidates' sermons, etc. for the congregation to view?

A5. Yes

Q6. Do we have specific plans for what the pastor would be doing?

A6. Yes, we have a pastoral job description that explains that.

Q7. Do the “open” call go to the entire seminary?

A7. No, just the candidates that we interviewed.

Q8. Do we know anything about the other churches that are currently calling pastors?

A8. No.

Tim Kneeland moved to extend an open call to the seminary.

Roy Burton seconded the motion.

Voice vote taken.

129 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion passed at 12:59 PM.

#### Closing Prayer

Pastor Kirk closed the meeting in prayer.

The meeting minutes of the February 26, 2023 Voters' Assembly of Hope Lutheran Church are attested to and submitted by Dave D'Aurelio on this date, March 14, 2023.

Dave D'Aurelio

Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church, Board of Directors