



Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, January 28, 2018 11:30 AM  
as Amended on April 15, 2018

### **Call to Order**

Jon Evans called the meeting to order at 11:30 am in the Hosanna Sanctuary.

### **Opening Prayer**

Jon Evans rendered the opening prayer.

### **Election of Secretary**

David Vroom put out a request for council secretary. It was asked that if anyone had the desire to fulfill the position to please let him know. It was also stated that Lisa Richardson has agreed to fulfill the position as long as needed.

### **Confirmation of Quorum**

Secretary pro tempore Lisa Richardson advised that a quorum was present with 51 in attendance.

### **Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2017**

Minutes for the 12/17/17 Congregational Meeting were presented by Jon Evans for review. Lisa Richardson made a motion that the minutes be approved. Bob McConnell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Staff Support Update**

Both Valerie Oden and Jon Evans thanked the staff for the diligent work during all recent transitions and noted that the Staff Support team has done an exceptional job during a tumultuous year.

Pat Gibbons was hired as office manager in December 2017. It was asked that everyone be considerate of her dual role as a member of the congregation and as a staff member. Please do not inundate her with management business on Sunday. Respect her spiritual growth and allow her to worship as a member.

Bob McConnell asked that consideration be made to extend the hours that Pat is working to be made a full-time position due to the amount of work that is currently being asked of her. Valerie stated that there has been discussion on this matter and it is being taken under advisement. She also noted that the amount of work being asked of her is temporary due to the transitions at this time.

Staff Support is currently looking for a nursery attendant.

### **Stewardship Update**

Allison Brown stated she was very thankful for the congregation's generosity and responsiveness to calls for increased giving in December. End-of-year giving was outstanding and has put us in a much stronger position to begin 2018.

The CPR fund stands at r \$15,000. Allison reminded attendees that this fund was established to address emergency funding needs related to the building.

### **Annual Campaign Update**

Nancy Agafitei stated that we have received 25 annual campaign pledges thus far. She will be sending out a reminder in the coming week to encourage additional pledges.

She reminded us of the potluck on Sunday Feb 4th, 2018 to welcome Pastor Anthony Chatman, as well as to celebrate the annual campaign.

### **Reflections on Gratefulness**

David Vroom was grateful for the council and all volunteers.

Betty Dove thanked members for the more than 1000 service hours worked during the year. She made special notice of the efforts made related to hurricane relief. She also noted that 26 different opportunities were shared at the mission fair.

Pat Gibbons gave sincere thanks to everyone for all their support.

Robert Brown thanked everyone for their generosity in December. \$54,000 was collected in December 2017. He stated that we have \$42,800 cash on hand to start the year off. He also noted that if projections and actual giving align we'll be in a very good position financially in the year ahead. The

budgeted projections for giving was \$308,000. The actual budgeted amount is \$326,000 and the amount brought in 2017 was \$321,000.

Jon Evans expressed gratitude for past and present leaders and thanked the congregation for its flexibility during this particularly challenging year for our congregation.

### **Approval of 2017 Annual Report**

Jon Evans noted that a request to add an addendum denoting the names of the call committee members to the annual report has been accommodated. Pat Gibbons made a motion to approve the 2017 Annual Report. Nancy Agafitei seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

None.

### **For the Good of the Church**

Dottie Kemper acknowledged Ken and Sue Loudermilk for the "lovely, lovely, lovely" dinner that they provided for the call committee members and their families.

Laura Bridges gave a heartfelt thank you to Ken and Sue Loudermilk for visiting her mother and thanked the church for all the love and prayers.

Barbara Sales thanked the Hancock's, the Loudermilk's and the church for their support of Jim.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

David Vroom made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Susan Greer seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Closing Prayer**

Attendees stood and said the Lord's Prayer in Hosanna style by holding hands.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Richardson

Secretary pro tempore