



Congregational Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018

Call to Order: President Jon Evans, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Opening Prayer: Ken Loudermilk provided the opening prayer.

Confirmation of Quorum: Quorum was declared by Secretary Sheila Beteet with 50 members in attendance.

Approval of April 15, 2018 Congregational Meeting Minutes: President Evans asked for a motion to approve April 15 Minutes. Jean Waldo made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Beth Johnson.

Ron Christ wanted to correct the statement he made at the last meeting (April 15, 2018) with the corrected statement being:

“Ron Christ thanked the congregation for their continuous and faithful support of the Kagera Scholarship Fund which is under the umbrella of Hosanna’s African Initiative. \$16,700 was sent in March 2018 to the project for the school year 2018-2019 to support a total of 45 students attending intermediate school, high school, vocational school and college and university.”

Valerie Oden made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. Susan Greer seconded the motion.

Vote on Slate of Nominees for Council Positions: David Vroom, Lay Ministry Leader announced the following slate of candidates:

President, Earl Kemper

Mission Focus/Vice President, Angela Martin

Staff Support Team Leader, Jennifer Jackowski

Jon Evans stated that the position of Finance Team Leader with Kimberly Chatman as candidate is being tabled for the moment in order to conform to our bylaws. Jon expressed that our bylaws indicate that all new members must be approved by Council before becoming members and then in turn being able to serve on Council.

Pastor Chatman said that when he was accepted by the Call Committee, he automatically became a member and his understanding was that his wife, Kimberly Chatman, would also become a member automatically.

Jon thanked Kimberly Chatman for stepping forward to serve and expressed that this was just a formality and that once she has been formally accepted as a member by the Council at our next meeting she'll be viable to stand for election in this capacity.

Nancy Agafitei informed the congregation that there will be a new member meeting on the 24th June and requested that Kimberly attend and become a member. Betty Dove informed the congregation that a reception will be planned for new members in July.

Jon also informed the congregation that in August we will vote for the Finance Team Leader and the position of Financial Secretary will be open this fall as Becky Wolf is leaving this position.

Jon Evans asked for a motion to accept the paper ballot. Barbara Vroom made a motion to accept the paper ballot and it was seconded by Diane Meier.

Following a counting of the ballots, David Vroom reported that all candidates have been duly elected.

Report from Synod Assembly Representatives: Heda Christ and Pat Gibbons

Heda Christ and Pat Gibbons gave a detailed report on the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Assembly, which was held on May 17th to 19th 2018. Their full report is attached to the minutes. Appended below is a summary of their report:

Bishop Mike Rinehart addressed the Synod and reiterated that the goal of the Synod is to pass on the mission of the church, being Christ centered.

There are 109 congregation in our Synod and 243 attendees at the Synod gathering, with 205 Lay and Clergy registered voters and 38 non-voting guests.

- Bishop Reinhart presented several videos on faith, hospitality, leadership and structure.
- Waiting on FEMA and the impact of Harvey and the Synod's leadership in the disaster response.
- Radical hospitality.
- Inclusion celebration, pointing out that church leaders teach and preach with boldness.
- Recognizing Peru and Central African Republic as our companion churches.
- Rev. Dr. Rich Melheim was the keynote speaker, who shared his thoughts on *"Rethinking faith formation."*

Old Business: None

New Business: Dottie Kemper expressed that the temperature was too warm in the fellowship hall. Allison Brown informed the congregation that the temperature is set at 72 degrees although the temperature reading is 78 degrees. They will liaise with Ideal Impact to improve

the situation. It was suggested that oscillating fans should be purchased to help during malfunctions.

For the Good of the Church: Dottie Kemper thanked Pat Gibbons for the work she did for Pastor Chatman's installation.

Motion of Adjourn: Ron Christ made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Barbara Vroom. Meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

Closing prayer: The congregation gathered and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Sheela Beteet
Council Secretary