

Minutes: Annual Congregational Meeting
May 1, 2011

12:30PM: Noel Martinson, call to order.

- Approval of Fall minutes.
 - Motion to approve: Melissa Martinson. Second: Bob Dachelet. Motion carried unanimously.
- Social Justice Focus Areas: endorsement vote
 - Four support areas: support those in need, LGBT issues, environment, healthcare
 - Motion to endorse these 4 areas as a focus for the social justice committee: Stacy Doepner-Hove. Second: Peg Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
- Legal Update
 - Summary Judgments in June or July
 - Stacy Doepner-Hove asked that the congregation be notified when and where the summary judgments will be made public record so that anyone can view them
 - If judge does not rule on the summary judgments, we will go to court in December
- Financial Update through March 2011
 - Expenses behind, but so is income, primarily due to unequal pledges that come in throughout the year; some pledges are lump sum payments, while others are monthly. Would be helpful if all pledges were monthly payouts, this would help our book-keeping.
 - Fair Share Payment: \$79/member. Membership decreased since last year, as all members that had not pledged or attended church activities in a while were contacted and either taken off the membership list or kept on as advised by the member.
 - Capital Campaign/building funds are in a savings account and in treasury bonds
 - The board allocated \$7000 for legal team/court case
 - Budget as noted in meeting notes
 - Changes in expenses include raises for the minister and staff (the first raise for the minister, and the staff had not received raises in 3 or 4 years)
 - Auction raises about \$14,000 in income
 - Vote to approve budget. Motion to approve: Bob Dachelet. Second: Jana Sundby. Motion carried unanimously.
- Establishment of an Endowment Fund
 - Once the fund reaches \$50,000, there will be allowed only a 5% payout per year. The funds would be distributed as follows:
 - Up to 40% for social justice actions
 - Up to 40% for capital expenses
 - Up to 20% as discretionary from the Board of Trustees

- The fund would start with \$40,000 that has been collected from memorials
- Vote to establish an Endowment Fund. Move to establish fund: Stacy Doepner-Hove. Second: Bev Montgomery. Motion carried unanimously.
- Bylaws Amendments
 - Move to suspend rules: Melissa Martinson. Second: Alison Albrecht. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Discussed bylaw amendments, and moved to vote on amendments as a package vs. voting on each separately.
 - Re-instate rules: Motion to re-instate: Alison Albrecht. Second: Jason Backes. Motion carried with two opposed.
 - Motion to approve bylaws amendments as a package: Geoffrey Brown. Second: Stacy Doepner-Hove. Motion carried with two opposed.
- Nomination Committee
 - Move to approve slate of members on the nomination committee: Mike Elliott, Melissa Martinson, Alison Albrecht, and two members of the board appointed by the president. Motion to approve slate of members: Ward Montgomery. Second: Stacy Doepner-Hove. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Nominations to the board
 - Allan Green: member at large
 - Susan Vigliaturo: member at large
 - Motion to close nominations: Melissa Martinson. Second: Mary Cotton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Vote on nominations: approved unanimously.
 - Motion to close nominations for slate of board officers: Peg Wilson. Second: Mary Cotton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion to approve new board officers as follows:
 - President: Michael McGee
 - Vice-President: Mark Doepner-Hove
 - Treasurer: Tom Lindquist
 - Move to approve slate of nominated officers: Ward Montgomery. Second: Mary Cotton. Motion approved unanimously.
- Adjourned 1:48PM
- Respectfully submitted: Lisa L. Powell, Board Member At-Large