

Congregational Board Meeting – June 13, 2017

Attending: Leeann Blundell, Scott Glasrud, Jennifer Parker, Betsy Wilson, J.J. Jones, Jim Wells, Kathy McDandel, Deb Plucknett, Esther Giffin, Hannah Fenley, Nancy Lear, Jeff Gibbs, Sally Nielsen, Bill Watson, Erin Parkinson, Karen Carlson-Cook, Lynn Cockle

Not Attending: Steve Bough, Courtney Sullivan, Phil Love, Travis Wymore, Cindy Ireys, Amy Rose

Opening

Leeann Blundell called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer. Following the opening, the gallery was opened for statements from attendees.

Finances

The audit report for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was reviewed by a representative from Ifft and Co. Some clarifications were asked and a brief discussion followed. Following the discussion, the representative from Ifft and Co. was then dismissed. There was a motion, which was seconded, and the audit was unanimously accepted.

Lynn Cockle reviewed the proposed budget for 2017-2018, noting the increase with personnel due to increases in benefit costs. This, along with grant money defraying from the new position of Director of Mission Partnerships, resulted in a budget neutral impact. J.J. Jones, reporting as the chair of the Stewardship committee, noted that as of the meeting, 221 pledges have been received by the church, 44% of which had increased their amount when compared to last year. Total funds pledged to date was \$955,800. Considering this information, there was a motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget, which was seconded, and unanimously approved.

Personnel

Jennifer Parker, Chair of Personnel, presented the new staff organizational chart along with additional job descriptions for the new positions of, Executive Director of Operations, Minister of Youth and Spiritual Formation, and Director of Mission Partnerships. Discussion from members of the board followed.

Open Questions

Leeann Blundell asked the members of the board to break into groups and briefly discuss items that may need consideration for the open questions process for the 2017-2018 leadership year. After about fifteen minutes of group work, the board reconvened and shared their findings:

- People needs, how to help members be/feel more connected
 - Focus on member needs, what do they want/need?
 - This will draw more people
- Do members "value" their membership?
- Committee information would be really helpful for board members and church members who want to know more
- Who are the members that aren't as committed?
- How can we better/best align with Carla's vision?
- Small groups are a great way for people to connect
- How to grow membership given our vision of 500 new members in 5 years

Additional Items

Leeann Blundell quickly reviewed some calendar reminders with the board. Afterward, Ms. Blundell took a moment to recognize those board members who have completed terms and will no longer be on the board for the 2017-2018 year: Phil Love, Betsy Wilson, Cindy Irey, J.J. Jones, Nancy Lear, Sally Nielsen, and Bill Watson.

Adjournment

Citing no further business, Leeann Blundell called the meeting to a close.