

Voters' Assembly
January 15, 2023

Attendance: Quorum – 76 voting members in attendance

1. Opening Prayer – Pastor Cook 10:01am & Welcome – Jim Snyder
2. November Assembly Minutes Approval – Dave Walls
 - Kay Seibold motioned; Julie Elliot seconded – approved unanimously.
3. Financial Report – Darren Doehrmann
 - On track to meet the giving of last year; but need to pick up the pace to reach budgeted amount. There is no concern since expenses are lower than projected currently.
 - December Income statement reviewed.
4. Annual Report – Jim Snyder
 - We have an excellent congregation, with a balanced budget.
 - It's been a transitional year – coming out of COVID, school remained open, will remain strong
 - Defibrillator Survey, to put together an active program in case we need the response. Shirley Kressin to send survey and put together a program to learn how to use the defibrillator.
 - i. Location – hallway between the church and the school.
 - All of the department annual reports are on the church website.
5. Approval of Deputy Board Chairs – Dave Walls
 - Slate of deputies – moved by Dave Mehl, seconded by Sue Wolter – approved unanimously.
 - Christian Relations-Donna Granderson; Missional Planning-Brendan Begin; Music and Worship-Sherry Ederheimer; Elders-Bob Schwarz; Treasurer-Hilary Agnew; School Board-Rick Hannon; Buildings and Grounds-Charles Puckett; Evangelism-Wendy Gonzalez. Open deputy chairs: Parish Education, Stewardship
6. Approval of Board of Elders – Dave Walls
 - One vacant spot will hopefully be filled soon. There will be 12 elders, no longer 14 (to split up the other two positions' responsibilities).
 - i. Chair – Paul Darlage (previously elected)
 - ii. Board - Bob Schwarz, Dave Adams, Jerry Granderson, Steve Graef, Mike Sallaberry, Norm Kendt, Bob Elliot, Robert Ranzou, Tom Piegols, Kent Groemling
 - Charles Puckett moved to approve the Board of Elders, Bev Silletto seconded. Approved unanimously.
7. Bylaws and Constitution Changes – Paul Darlage
 - 2 years ago, Paul Darlage, Bob Schwarz, Jerry Granderson, and Pastor Cook started the review to make the bylaws more workable and more effective within constitution. Found the Constitution to be sound and the Bylaws in need of revision. 5 reasons to change the Bylaws:
 1. Simplify By-Laws
 2. Clarification within the By-Laws; what to do, not how to do it
 3. Improve communication within the church
 4. Increase accountability of the congregation through boards – will be boards' responsibility to create and maintain their budget
 5. Communication of the Budget – line-item budget presented regularly
 - Big ticket changes

1. Line-item budget
 2. Required board reports
 3. Now electing all board members, as well as chairmen
 4. Church council now a “planning council” – setting the tone for future
 5. Capital escrow fund in the budget
 6. Added call documents to the bylaws
 7. Eliminated 2 boards – Worship & Music (now a standing committee under Board of Elders), Missional Planning (this is now the church council’s role, see #4)
 8. Structure and Objectives of the Bylaws added
 9. Conflict between the bylaws and constitution – election of the Elders, instead of approved (as previously published)
- New edit to Article 14 – add a comma after Bible
 - i. Paul Darlage motion to accept the constitution with the added comma; Dave Mehl, seconded - Approved unanimously.
 - This is the first reading of the Bylaws and Constitution
 - i. To approve the Bylaws and Constitution in June meeting in the form of a motion
 - Questions addressed:
 - i. Can only serve on 1 board. Can serve on a *committee* of a board and a board.
 - ii. 5 people to be on each board (board of elders the only exception), to keep smaller.
 - iii. The rationale for 2 elder positions being eliminated is that we moved to 15 family units per Elder, increased from 12 family units per Elder.
8. Synodical Representative
 - (Informative) Normally vote on the president during the synod meeting. Now, the vote is 2 months before the synod meeting. Bob Schwarz is already the synodical representative and will also be the voting representative prior to the synod meeting.
 9. The Lord’s Prayer – Pastor Cook 10:37am