

Annual Congregational Meeting
17 May 2015 Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Gail deSomer, board president, at 12noon.

Determination of a quorum. Fern Hamlin, board secretary, reported that there were 52 signed-in members in attendance.

Opening—Rev Chip Roush.

Approval of minutes. Dale Gibson moved, and Susan Van Fleit seconded, that the minutes of the 18 May 2014 annual meeting be approved as read. Motion carried. Tom Platt moved, and Dan French seconded, that the minutes of the 21 Sept 2014 special congregational meeting be approved as read. Motion carried.

Minister's report—Chip Roush. Written report in printed annual report.

Announcements—Gail deSomer.

- A meeting of all interested members will be held 27 May 2015, 7pm, to map out next year's church calendar.
- New ad hoc committees: Outdoor Space (Kathy Vetter, coordinator), September SB150 concert.

President's report and recognition of 2014-15 board—Gail deSomer. Written report in printed annual report and some verbal comments, highlighting the accomplishments of the year. Highlights of vice-president's report. Looking ahead: need to support RE; major building repair/replacements in the future; money for mortgage payments will need to be found after the capital campaign funds are all used.

Volunteer of the year award. Gail bestowed the award for 2014-15 to Kathy Vetter, chair of building and grounds committee, who has worked unstintingly since we moved into 801 E Washington to work out the many 'kinks' in the building systems and coordinate the demands that come with owning our own building.

Treasurer's report—Karen Dickson. Recap of how the 2014-15 budget has worked out. Noted the need for mortgage money starting in January 2017, once the capital campaign funds have been used up. Concerns for physical plant needs that will be coming: HVAC system, roof. Review of proposed 2015-16 budget. Discussion:

Dave Wistreich asked from whom he can get details regarding line items 242 (HVAC preventive) and 243 (HVAC repairs). Answer: Kathy Vetter, building and grounds chair.

Dale Gibson asked if the pledge amount budgeted for accurately reflected the pledges made. Answer: yes. Joseph Gress, vice-president and stewardship drive coordinator, noted that the amount pledged is actually \$147,000, but a few pledges have yet to come in.

Gail deSomer commented on line item 220 (cleaning services), noting that this past year it has been done completely by volunteer church members, and that this will not be the case for 2015-16. She also directed attention to line item 351 (endowment repay), which reflects

the congregation's previously expressed wish when the vote was taken to allow endowment fund money to be used for the new building.

Melanie Smith-Guillaume expressed thanks for the report having been made available on-line in advance of the meeting. She also expressed thanks for the addition of line item 351 (endowment repay). She thought it would also be good to plan for major building expenses, to save money in the budget in an on-going manner. She suggested that a line item be added for this purpose.

Gail deSomer explained that there had been such a line item in the budget that the board originally considered, but it would have created a depressingly large deficit.

Melanie Smith-Guillaume suggested that such a line item be included, even if the budgeted amount is zero, so that the congregation keeps the need for this in mind.

Dale Gibson moved, and Barbara Boyd seconded, that the proposed budget be approved.

Dave Wistreich asked what the money in the money market was for. Karen Dickson, treasurer, answered that it was non-operational funds, mostly the capital campaign.

Kathy Vetter noted that we were now banking at First Source and using their accounts system.

Anne Mannix asked why we didn't use the capital campaign money to pay down the mortgage now. Gail deSomer, president, explained that we needed the capital campaign money to make the monthly mortgage payments.

Bill Stevens moved that we add a 'Sinking Fund' line item, with zero dollar amount, to the budget. Jim Curlee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jan Wilen felt that we need to educate the congregation of the need to have money for major maintenance items. Gail deSomer, president, noted that this is in Joseph Gress's vice-president report.

Barbara Williams noted that this is a sabbatical fund balance on the financial recap, but nothing for this in the budget. Chip Roush noted that he does hope, at some point, to take a sabbatical.

Anne Mannix commended Karen Dickson, treasurer, on the budget.

Amended motion to approve the budget with the addition of a 'Sinking Fund' line item with a zero budget was carried with one abstention.

Elections—Gail deSomer, president. Gail explained that we had not been able to announce the proposed nominations 10 days before this meeting, as required by church by-laws. Therefore, from the floor, David Mayfield made the following nominations:

for Vice-President --- Gary Metzler
for a 2-year term as treasurer --- Chuck Leone
for a 1-year term as trustee --- Gail deSomer

for a 2-year term as trustee --- Sharon Kniss
for a 2-year term as trustee --- Don Marti

for a 3-year term on the endowment committee --- Jim Ward

for the Nominating Committee

Gail deSomer, 1 year

Dan Holm, 2 years

[Mark Kricheff, continuing for 1 more year -- clarified the following month]

Alternate, Barb Carmichael

Continuing on the board:

President --- Joseph Gress

Secretary --- Fern Hamlin (1 more year)

Trustee --- Tama Crisovan (1 more year)

Continuing on the endowment committee:

Barbara Williams, year 2 of 3

John Wegener, year 3 of 3

David Mayfield moved for the adoption of the slate of candidates, Dave Wistreich seconded. Dave Wistreich also noted the congregation's gratitude for all who serve in leadership positions. Motion carried.

Other business. Dan Holm offered thanks to Gail deSomer, president, for her leadership on the board.

Kevin Barry moved, and Tom Platt seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.45pm.

Fern Hamlin
Board secretary