

Special Congregational meeting, 6 April 2014
Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order by David Mayfield at 12.05pm. A quorum was determined; 49 members were signed in, including two proxies.

David presented background from the December 2013 congregational meeting and subsequent information and costs from Panzica. The board motion was read by David, seconded by Dave Wistreich:

We need to raise the money required for "The Gap." Whatever we can't raise will come from the endowment fund, to be paid back as an extension of the loan approved by the congregation in December 2013.

Discussion ensued.

Elizabeth Scarborough. We need money now, and she is concerned that people won't be inclined to donate for the essentials, preferring to wait and donate for the "Pizzazz." Does the method of the essential work allow for Pizzazz items to be done later? David answered, basically, yes. What is the plan for paying back the endowment loan? David answered that it was the same plan as originally planned, which would begin after three years, though if we take more money from the endowment fund, there may not be enough capital campaign money to repay the loan.

Anne Mannix. Concern that we may be overextending ourselves financially. Thinks we should cut the essentials by \$50,000 and moves that the board be directed to reduce the essential elements of the rehabilitation plan to a total of \$575,000. Seconded by John Wegener.

David noted that this would remove/eliminate things that the board considered essential, like floor coverings and air conditioning in the sanctuary. He explained the unforeseen structural and code issues.

Kathy Vetter. Concern that the motion doesn't have a stated dollar limit. David answered that we won't spend for more than the essentials but that we can't foresee the unknown and that we don't want to have to stop work on the building for the time it would take to have another congregational meeting to approve an additional expense.

Chip noted that there was clearly concern about limiting the amount to be taken from the endowment fund and suggested the use of a maximum figure.

Jan Wilen noted that members need to be contacted so they have information if they want to include the endowment fund in their wills.

Jim Curlee spoke to oppose the amendment and recommended paying for what we need, which would include air conditioning and floor coverings.

A motion was made to call the question. 45 agreed, 4 opposed. The question was called and the amendment failed, 3 in favor, 46 opposed.

A motion was made to call the original question. The motion carried. The original motion carried with 46 agreed, 3 opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Fern Hamlin
Board secretary