

OSLC Congregational Assembly Minutes
6/27/2021

(Meeting held in the sanctuary and via Zoom)
Call to Order: Byron Thompson (Acting Chair) opened the meeting.

Attendance: A quorum was present with 32 in attendance.

Board Members Present: Byron Thompson, Roger Harrison, Donna Dark, Mark Middlebusher, Nancy Shampo. Larry Malinowski, Becci Stewart, Hannah Gillrup, Pastor Derrick, and Pastor Peter were also present.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Rene Stein from the Board of Elders led the Opening Prayer and Devotion.

Reception of New Members: No new members were present
Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from the previous Congregational Assembly were approved.

Pastor's Report (condensed): See Power Point Presentation Slides for more details.

Pastor Peter presented a ministry report covering the activities of the church and details on overcoming the COVID-19 challenges. He also presented a Ministry Action Plan (MAP) for the new fiscal year to the congregation. The ministry report included updates in the following Target Areas: Organization, Spirit Empowerment, Family of Faith, Cultural and Generational diversity, Multi-tiered Neighborhood, Holistic Ministry, Needs of our Neighbors.

Organization: The Church staff received coaching from Stacey Chavis on communication and teamwork. Hired James Batchelor as new facilities manager, replacing Bruce Thompson. Multiple facilities projects completed over the past year. Plan to hire a new Director of Music.

Spirit-Empowered: adjusted worship schedule to include 8:15am, 10:45am, 1pm services. Bible study at 9:30am.

Family of Faith: Open Arms has 130 children enrolled. Youth Group planning on attending National Youth Gathering in July 2022.

Diversity: Be the Bridge groups were held.

Multi-Tiered Ministry: Puerto Rico mission planned for Oct 2021, Haiti virtual mission planned for March 2022.

Holistic Ministry: Grief Share, Prayer Ministry, Stephen Ministry, Prayer Shawls, Turkey Trot.

Neighbor Needs: Smiling Souls Food Bank, New Day, Side by Side, Elizabeth House, Winter Shelter.

The new MAP was approved by the Congregational Assembly.

Financial Report: Larry Malinowski presented a Financial Report covering income and expenses to date. He also gave a status update regarding the PPP

loans. There are some discussions ongoing between the church and the bank in order to make corrections to the figures used to justify the loan amount. This will significantly reduce the final amount that is owed.

Columbarium: Joe Murchison gave a presentation on the Columbarium project to update the assembly on the status of this concept. He presented the results of the survey that was taken.

Announcements:

Newly elected Governance Board members were announced: Mark Middlebusher, Roger Harrison, Tina McGuffey. Continuing in their positions are: Byron Thompson, Donna Dark, Nancy Shampo.

Thanks to the previous board were given for their service, especially outgoing member John McVey.

The next Congregational Assembly will be in Sept 2021.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Peter