

Congregation Assembly Minutes—Jan 29, 2023

1. Governance Board Secretary, Tina McGuffey opened the Congregational Assembly for voting at 9:15 am on Sunday Jan 29, 2023. Governance Board (GB) President, Erich Mammen, opened in-person Congregational Assembly at 3:33pm on Sunday, Jan 29, 2023.
2. Elder, Donna Dark led the opening devotion and prayer.
3. Attendance 47 attended in person which does provide a quorum. In addition, 90 total members voted.
4. Minutes from Sept 18, 2022 Congregational Assembly were provided online. Michael Shaffer moved that minutes be approved. Ethel Rukenbrod seconded the motion; no further discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. Pastor Peter presented his Pastoral Report, an update on our Ministry Action Plan—see separate powerpoint presentation for details. Highlights:
 - 3 unanticipated challenges: Pastor Josh departure; Dec 3 Power surge; Christmas Day Flood in Open Arms Center
 - Audio/Visual Booth and Confidence monitor installation is in progress. Will not impact prayer room except for one closet requiring relocation of two filing cabinets. Confidence Monitor cardboard placeholders are up and placement is being evaluated. Next steps are pulling data cables and power lines for soundboard and monitors.
 - First Christmas concert in 3 years!
 - Open Arms enrollment at 117
 - MAP target areas:
 - a. Small groups—area Pastor Josh was working on. Desire to equip and train leaders and start new groups. Currently resourcing existing groups.
 - b. Equipping Ministry—Hosted first Final Arrangements Workshop which was well attended and well received.
 - c. Children's ministry—Rachel Clark is working hard to reach out to families with intent to grow children's ministry. Indoor Trunk or Treat was well attended. Working on Easter Egg Hunt for Palm Sunday weekend and VBS this summer
 - d. Childcare--Robin Miliner has been providing volunteer nursery on Sundays, need more volunteers.
 - e. Spanish Outreach—one area that still needs much growth. Tico has been supporting Food Bank with Spanish outreach.
 - Question was asked about our current attendance. Precovid we were worshipping about 245 between the Sunday services. We are down about 100 in-person and we are not able to quantify actual number of online worshippers.

6. Financial Report (See separate detailed power point)

- Comments: General giving is down, however thanks to large designated gift of \$200K HVAC replacement deposit was able to be made-thus the large designated fund expense. Still cash on hand is good.
- **Cash on hand as of 31 Dec:** \$776,305 compared to 31 Aug: \$947,908
- Mortgage Balance as of 31 Dec: \$1,585,311 compared to 31 Aug: \$1,639,496
- Church financial activity **FY 2021-22. Sept-August**

General Fund Giving: \$ 279,316

Designated fund giving \$ 25,313

Total Giving \$ 323,488

General Fund Expenses \$ 326,577

Designated fund expenses \$ 140,673

Total Expenses \$ 467,250

General Fund Balance \$ -47,261

Designated Fund Balance: \$ -96,501

Total Balance \$ -143,762 FY22

- Open Arms financial activity **FY 22-23 Sept-December**

Tuition/Contributions \$ 434,155

Open Arms Expenses \$ 461,996

Open Arms Balance \$ -27,841

7. Old Business

- Roger Harrison provided the HVAC Replacement update. A contract has been signed with Fidelity Mechanical Services for \$377,625. First payment made in Dec for \$125,875. \$235K has already been raised (with thanksgiving for a major donor) but there is still a \$143K gap requiring major fundraising. RTUs should arrive in mid-June when 2nd payment is due. This replacement is not just for the RTUs but rather an entire integrated system. We had originally hoped that just the RTUs could be replaced and the current control system tweaked but they are incompatible systems. Contract includes 2 years of maintenance and we will then budget for 17K a year for maintenance. Help is needed for fund-raisers.
- Joe Murchison provided the Columbarium update. He first presenting the timeline which began in 2018. In 2022 several outdoor locations have been considered and it was

determined that we do not require an expensive zoning process. A detailed plan will be presented at the May/June 2023 Assembly

8. New Business.

- Governance Board presented a OSLC Bylaw amendment resolution.

“Whereas, the current OSLC bylaws limits Governance Board members to two consecutive terms of two years each and

Whereas, continuity of expertise is so important that an additional consecutive term for any board member willing to serve if elected would be invaluable to the governance of the congregation; Therefore, be it resolved that the Current OSLC Bylaws dated 06/02/2019, Article IV: Elected Officers & Terms of Office, Paragraph B. Terms of Office be amended to read:

“The terms of office for the Governance Board shall be two years; three members elected annually. No Governance Board member shall serve more than three consecutive terms. The Governance Board members shall assume their respective duties on a Sunday in June designated by the Pastor.”

88 yay votes and 6 nay votes. Motion carried.

- Governance Board provided a Resolution to nominate Synodical Presidential Candidates.

Whereas, the OSLC bylaws specify that nominating candidates for office in the District or Synod shall be vested in the Congregational Assembly and shall never be delegated to another group or person and

Whereas, each congregation may nominate up to two ministers from the Synod’s roster of ordained ministers, other than specific ministry pastors, for President. Be it

Resolved that OSLC is nominating Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry, Leander, TX Texas District and Rev. Dr. Richard Snow, President, Nebraska District for the office of Synodical President.

90 yay votes and 4 nay votes. Motion carried.

9. Next projected Congregational Assembly will be in May or June as requested at this Assembly.

10. Pastor Orlando closed the Assembly with thanksgiving to God in prayer and we sang the Doxology together.

Minutes prepared by Tina McGuffey, Governance Board Secretary.

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