

## Congregational Assembly Minutes—Jun 12, 2022

1. Governance Board (GB) President, Donna Dark, opened Congregational Assembly at 9:15am on Sunday, Jan 30, 2022 for Congregational voting on new Governance Board Members and a Southeastern District Resolution (SED) to align the SED Constitution and Bylaws with the LCMS Constitution and Bylaws changes that were made in the last LCMS Synodical Convention. Vote continued until the formal hybrid session (in-person and on zoom) which began at 4:35 pm.
2. Elder, Nancy Olsen led the opening devotion and prayer.
3. Attendance: 90 Confirmed members voted, 30 attended in person and at least 18 attended online (possible multiples on each zoom call). Quorum requirements were met.
4. Minutes from January 30, 2022 Congregational Assembly were provided online. Rene Stein moved that minutes be approved. Kenny Farris 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:
  - Since Jan Assembly, new carpeting and flooring installed and Solar Panels (donated by Haxton family) are connected and operating!
  - New Music Director, Tico Meneses began serving on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Sanctuary Choir has restarted. A new accountant, Yolanda Wilson has been hired and will begin her transition soon.
  - HVAC replacement now scheduled for Spring 2023. An OSLC team is working with Tom Moser, facilities manager to explore and research options.
  - Continuing post-covid reopening. Church-wide reading plan; VBS in July
  - Open Arms: 121 children enrolled, enrollment increasing. Open Arms has received a Level 3 Maryland EXCELS rating! Congrats to Director, Becci Stewart and Open Arms Team for this terrific achievement.
  - OSLC will have 25 youth and 5 adults participating in National Youth Gathering in July.
  - First OSLC international mission trip since 2018 happened in March to Puerto Rico and Pastor Flahn was able to visit the Gbuglay Lutheran School in Liberia as well.
  - Kick-Off Sunday will be August 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Holistic and Outreach Ministries continuing: Staff Care Team, Stephen Ministry, GriefShare, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Food Bank, Elizabeth House, New Day, Youth at Franciscan Monastery Farm; Garrett County Servant Event coming in July.
  - Barna Survey results: 83 participants—hoped for more but thankful for those who responded. Doing well. 48% of individuals flourishing in their personal faith and 40% consider themselves to be growing in their faith. Room for improvement in corporate areas although we are thriving (mostly in the 70<sup>th</sup> to 80<sup>th</sup> percentiles) See powerpoint for details. Staff will spend the summer analyzing results.
6. Financial Report ( See separate detailed power point)
  - a. Cash on hand as of 31 May: \$833,239 compared to 31 Dec: \$725,074
  - b. Mortgage Balance as of 31 May: 1,681,054 compared to 31 Dec: \$1,749,234
  - c. Status of PPP 2 as of 29 April: \$237,082 COMPLETELY FORGIVEN

d. Church financial activity FY 2021-22 Sept-May

General Fund Giving: \$ 681,627

Designated fund giving \$ 126,175

Total Giving \$ 807,802

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General Fund Expenses \$ 640,072

Designated fund expenses \$ 118,508

Total Expenses \$ 758,580

General Fund Balance \$ 41,555

Designated Fund Balance: \$ 7,667

Total Balance \$ 49,222

e. Open Arms financial activity

Tuition/Contributions \$ 1,097,573

Open Arms Expenses \$ 992,237

Open Arms Balance \$ 105,336

7. New Business:

- Governance Board Election Results:

Cyndi Arnold

Ron Kasemeyer

Erich Mammen

Paul Ogunboye

- SED District Resolution Vote Results: 81 for the resolution 9 abstained (non-votes) Motion approved by OSLC

- SED Convention Recap: Pastors Peter and Josh and Roger Harrison attended the District Convention in May. See attached report by Roger Harrison for details.

8. Pastor Josh closed the Assembly at 5:45pm with thanksgiving to God in prayer and we sang the Doxology together.

Minutes prepared by Tina McGuffey, Governance Board Secretary.