



Minutes
Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1:32pm by President of the Council, Dave Lesher

Pastor Leslie opened the meeting by leading the membership in a hymn

Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting

- Motion by Dennis Jones and second by Karen Harris. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Pastor Frank's Report

- We have great participation in Luminaria classes that bring people into the life of St. Johns
- New leader, Diane White who is Director of Resources
- Ron Dwyer Voss led the council in a strategic planning retreat/session that was very fruitful
- Lay leadership of council and committees do such a great job with commitment, skill and passion
- Financially the church is in a very good position. The debt for Living Stones has gone from 3.5 million 4-5 years ago to just under \$500,000.00 currently.
- The stained-glass windows project has almost fully funded. The price was \$200,000.00 and we are taking on repairing of several other stained-glass windows as well.
- Shepherding of First English - we have found a church to partner with.
- Celebration of 150 years this year - many events to mark this with.
- Sabbatical for three months - will be able to travel to Scandinavia-Sweden with family and on his own. Obtained a grant from the Lilly Foundation that covered most costs.
- Pastor Carl Wilfrid will be temporary Senior Pastor for three months - he comes from Reno and brings much joy.

Council President Dave Lesher's Report

- 6 years on council and Now What?
- Looking back in 2011 purchase of 1725 L Street, which we are using as housing for clergy and a new jobs skill training program for the women in the St. John's Program for Real Change-there was a strong congregational vote to approve this even with the amount of debt for the sanctuary
- Called three pastors, did listening campaigns, and congregation felt strongly about our quality of worship and music
- At council retreat last year we identified our church as caring, compassionate, "grace sprinklers", mission driven, and bold
- We have had two capital campaigns where Peter Brostrom got us focused on debt reduction and Lance Lewis the plan to do so. Mary Wiberg, Dennis Jones, and Leslie Dunsworth were integral facilitators for Living Stones
- Lots of staff changes, almost retired debt, repairing our windows/sanctuary...next step is to BE BOLD

Ted Norris, Treasurer's Report

- 95% fulfillment rate for pledge card commitment, \$120,000 increase in revenue
- Projected income for 2017 is \$1,597,620, expected expense \$1,568,790
- 74% comes in pledges with 26% in the collection plate
- Staffing cost will be \$972,790-added Admin Asst. for Family/Youth-PT, Community Support Coordinator
- Children's ministry will re-establish LEVN intern
- Statewide wage increase, small COLA for staff
- 14% benevolence budget maintaining tradition of doing things out in the community

Motion for approval by Suzi Carson and second by Ernie Bullock – motion passed, budget approved

New Business

- 1) Jerry Kilbert appointed for three-year term on the scholarship committee
- 2) Lance Lewis, the nominations chair, nominated Dave Leshner to take his position
- 3) Election of 5 people on Council:
 - Gwynnae Byrd-running for third term
 - Lisa Gardiner-running for second term
 - Robert Huckfeldt-running for first term
 - Dean Petersen-running for third term
 - Karen Ross-running for second term

Motion by Lance Lewis and second by Gwynnae Byrd – Motion Passed

- 4) First English:
 - Pastor Frank reported that First English has been around for 127 years-we are passing the baton on to City Church
 - Council considered numerous groups:
 - Mogavero & Associates
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - California Lutheran University
 - St. John's Program for Real Change
 - City Church
 - Council evaluated St. John's ability to have a second campus
 - Met with City Council member, Jay Schenir

City Church

- Started in a garage
- Have strong missions-literacy, support groups for single moms, had been involved at Loaves and Fishes
- Dean Petersen, a former First English Congregant, is supportive of City Church and their mission

David Brandenburger, a member of St. John's and commercial real estate broker

- Sales price to be \$700,000.00
- City Church is doing inspections/due diligence
- Executed sales contract on 1/26/2017
- City Church has provided their financials
- Promissory note will be executed to assist in financing

Motion by Jim Kuhl and Second by Shirley Moss to accept the City Church proposal; motion passed

Pastor Jon closed out the meeting at 3:00pm with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Berg
Secretary

(Minutes approved at the Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2018)