



Congregational Annual Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2021 at 11:30am

Zoom

- Welcome and Call to Order – Dave Slowinske, Council President
- Opening Prayer – Pastor Laila Barr
- Discussion of Voting Process – Dave Slowinske
- A motion to approve the 2021 Meeting Agenda was made.
 - Gina Gertner made a motion to approve the agenda for the annual meeting. A second to the motion was provided by Allie Olinger. In online voting the vote was favorable to approve the motion; motion carried.
- A motion to Approve the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes was made by Gina Gertner and a second motion was provided by Allie Olinger. In online voting the vote was favorable to approve the motion; motion carried.
- Introduction of 2020 SOLLC Council was done by each member.
- A review of the 2020 SOLLC Foundation Financial Report was given by the foundation's president, Bill Hallberg.
 - Current principle is \$560k
 - Short term goal is to reach \$1million
 - In 2020 the foundation donated \$27k to the operation of SOLLC and projects nearly \$30k in 2021
- A review of 2020 Ministry Highlights was provided by a video to all the attendees.
 - Ann Janish (new Preschool Director), Justin Rimbo (Director of Worship Arts), Becca Richardson (Director of Children's Ministries), Dave Russ (Technical Director) and Kristina Harder (Communications and Digital Media Specialist) were all introduced and their roles explained.
- Katie Kocina gave a review of the 2020 Financial Reports
 - Income was \$2.2 mil (\$17.5k favorable to plan)
 - Annual Fund Giving Down to Budget- \$40.4k
 - PPE loan/grant was \$263,700
 - Sunday School and Living Water Registration Income Down to Budget \$33.7k
 - VBS Registration income down to budget- \$19.6k
 - Shepherd's Flock Preschool (no income for April/May 2020) Down \$44.2k
 - Expenses were \$2.1 mil (\$74.6k favorable to plan)

- Higher payroll expenses were needed for the Digital Worship Experience
 - Less expense associated with Sunday School, Living Water, VBS due to focus on digital experiences
- Forward Together Appeal Wrapped up.
 - Total received pledges were \$1,553,536 over three years (93.44% of money initially pledged)
- Thrivent Mortgage Balance: \$2,867,280 has been paid on the balance since the fall of 2016
- Katie Kocina also presented the 2021 Proposed Budget highlighting income and expenses that are anticipated and planned.
 - Expected Income and Expenses are projected to be flat to last year with a net income of \$1,576
- A motion to Approve the 2021 Budget was done via online voting. Motion carried.
- On behalf of the Nominating Committee Allie Olinger presented three candidates to be voted on for election to council.
 - Audra Carson, John Enstad, and Kristin Huson
 - The congregations vote approved their roles as new council members.
 - Allie Olinger and Sharon Krueger were thanked for their years of service as they have reached the end of their allowable terms.
- Jeff Taxdahl presented the congregations with the opportunity we have to purchase the building (currently owned by Safe Haven) that sits SOLLC property.
 - The loan needed would be for \$550k (includes legal fees and contingency)
 - The Link would continue to lease the building from SOLLC and the lease dollars would exceed the mortgage which would leave \$4,050/yr in reserve for maintenance
 - Jeff Taxdahl made a motion for the SOLLC council to purchase the Safe Haven building.
 - The congregation voted and approved the SOLLC council to purchase the building.
 - Jeff Taxdahl also made a motion to authorize the SOLLC council to borrow the funds (as described) to make the purchase.
 - The congregation voted and approved the SOLLC council to borrow the funds necessary to make the purchase of the Safe Haven Building.
- Pastor Dan gave the congregation preview at what the staff is working on for the upcoming 2021 season.
- Pastor Dan Poffenberger & Dave Slowinske thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Closing Prayer – Pastor Karen Treat
- Adjournment