

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

November 15, 2020

President Jim Letourneau welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:14am via Zoom.

Pastor Carolyn Staats to lead us with an opening prayer.

President Jim then asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Bill Olson/Jim Eral
Moved/Second/Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Constitution Correction President Jim brought up how it was printed to have the Finance Committee find members for the Audit Committee and another place said the Nominating Committee should do this. The change was to have the Nominating Committee do it. Vote on a housekeeping item in the Constitution to simply delete the following sentence that conflicts.

C5.03.01.2c. The Board for Finance shall nominate candidates for the Audit Committee to be elected by the Congregation Council.

The existing language and what will remain follows in its entirety:

C13.03.01

a. An Audit Committee of three voting members shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Congregation Council. Audit Committee members shall not be members of the Congregation Council. Term of office shall be three years, with one member elected each year. Members shall be eligible for re-election.

b. This committee shall audit the financial records of this congregation in January. This committee shall insure that all boards and committees are in compliance with the constitution. The report of this committee shall be included in the report to this congregation from the Executive Committee to the annual meeting of this congregation.

Judy Meincke moved to accept the Constitution proposal and Kendra Margl second it. Discussion followed.

Jim Eral stated the Audit Committee used to choose their own replacements. President Jim said that was almost the way it was, but the Finance Committee did it. Now it will be the Nominating Committee. President Jim then called for a vote. Robin called on everyone in attendance on Zoom. Council Secretary Katie Jones and Church Secretary, Anna Peterson, recorded the votes. 4

2 Ayes, 0 Nays. 0 Abstain.
Motion carried.

2020 Budget Review President Jim then called upon Jackie Anderson from Board of Finance for the presentation of the 2021 Ministry Budget.

Jackie led off with announcing 73 Intent cards have been received. She reminded everyone that 100 Intent cards are needed to receive the extra \$10,000 challenge.

Jackie stated the 2021 Proposed Budget is \$200,496.43. She then went over the budget, starting with the staff salaries. A 2% increase was given to all the staff. Technology Operation Expense was added to the General Expenses.

Kendra Margl asked about Church Maintenance as it was only \$4,000 in 2019 and now \$9,000. Jackie pointed out that if you add the Maintenance and the Maintenance Monitor Contract together it was over \$8,000.

Robin stated the actual maintenance expense to date is about \$2,000 and the Maintenance Monitor is \$5,300.

President Jim said 2019 had many unplanned repairs such as a leaking roof drain, leaking in the lower level, repair of a water heater to name a couple of items.

Mark Arneson said looking to replace the windowsills with granite or quartz, cleaning all the carpet and repainting all the interior.

Jim Eral thanked the members that give their time to mow the lawn, trim the bushes, tend to the Hosta garden and other areas that volunteers provide as that may not always be the case.

Kendra Margl thought that the plans for upcoming major maintenance should be brought up before the budget.

Einar Hanson thought there should be a contingency line item as part of the budget.

Kendra Margl stated that next year to add a contingency line item to the budget.

Jackie Anderson asked second chair for Finance, Jim Johnson if that could happen. Jim Johnson replied yes for that and to place the Monitor line item back in the Maintenance line item.

Jackie Anderson presented the proposed budget as \$200,496.43. Estimated giving for 2021 is \$194,550.00. The proposed Budget is within the allowed 5% variance of \$5,946.43.

Kathy Hunter asked how come the printed version states the 2020 budget was listed as \$197,541.00 when the 2020 budget that was voted on was \$192,712.00. Jackie did not have an answer for this.

Kathy Hunter asked about the Payroll Protection Program money. Jackie said it had not been used. Robin corrected her and said it had to be used in two months and used for payroll. President Jim added the money from the sale of the condominium has not been used.

Kathy Hunter asked if we have all the money from the sale of the condominium or will Mt. Zion be receiving monthly payments? President Jim said we received all the money, and it is sitting in an account earning interest.

President Jim reported that Robin Arneson has filled out the Mt. Zion paperwork for the loan to be sent in to be forgiven.

Einar Hanson asked where the line item is for the PPP money? Robin stated it is on the Financial Secretary's Report under Designated Line Items on the October 31, statement.

Jeff Magnuson asked about the actual numbers for 2020. Robin replied they will not be available until after December 31, 2020. She did say \$150,000 has been spent from the projected \$160,000.

Einar Hanson/Olive Olson to accept the budget as presented.

M/S Discussion

Bill Olson thanked the Finance Committee for their task.

Robin Arneson again called each member attending the Zoom meeting while Katie Jones and Anna Peterson counted.

Total was 40 Ayes 0 Nays and 1 Abstain

Carried

Comments for the Good of the Community

Jackie Anderson thanked everyone for great comments!

Deb Tonsager announced that Riley Ferguson has COVID-19.

President Jim Letourneau thanked everyone for attending the Zoom meeting.

Joan Christopher wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

President Jim Letourneau then entertained a motion to adjourn.

Gary Hauschildt/Linda Letourneau

M/S/C

Congregational Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm with the Lord's Prayer.

42 in Attendance which is a quorum. 10% of 285 Adult Baptized Members =29 needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Jones

Council Secretary