

Semi-Annual Business Meeting Minutes November 17, 2024

The meeting was called to Order at 11:39 AM by Moderator Terry Buchmann

Count of voting members: 34 present and 1 on Zoom

Opening Prayer and Opening Remarks by Moderator Terry Buchman

Approval of the March 10, 2024 Business Meeting minutes. Harlan Petersen moved and Gary Himebauch seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Approval of the budget for 2025 (Jean Bocker - Treasurer)

Jamie moved and Michael seconded to approve the 2025 Budget. Discussion followed the motion. Beth Petersen mentioned that even though our offerings are down, we are still presenting a balanced budget, thanks to Jamie Pennington (Budget & Finance Director) and Jean Bocker (Treasurer). Rae-Ellen asked for an explanation of why Capital Improvements is not being added to. TriSkill voluntarily increased their rent, which allowed us to present a balanced budget. But we lost about \$44,000 in income due to less pledges (due to people no longer attending FCC). They chose to continue taking \$10% off the top of each month's income for Benevolence (Missions, Food for Families, and Friends in Need - FIN Fund.) We had been taking 10% of incoming pledges for the Capital Improvement Fund. We currently have about \$54,000 in Capital Improvement, with an additional month to add to it from 2024 offerings. We also have over \$62,000 in our reserve funds. So Jamie & Jean thought that we already had a sizable cushion in those funds, and the Council agreed. Jean called the motion that was already on the floor, and the motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report and approval. Dave moved and Beth seconded to approve the nomination committee's slate of officers. Motion carried.

Long-Range Planning Committee. Greg Garasimowic made a change to the written report. **It should read 2024, not 2023.** We are watching the furnaces and boilers. They are working fine at the moment. The air conditioners have been acting up all season, freezing over. We will probably need to replace those in the spring. Rae-Ellen mentioned that the sanctuary door was not replaced, but fixed. It now has a crash bar, and thanked Joanne Himebauch for painting it. Harlan Petersen will be adding weather stripping to the sanctuary door soon. Jean pointed out the new sanctuary lights and fans had been installed.

Reinstate Lay Ministry License for Rae-Ellen Preuss . Beth Petersen moved and Jean Bocker seconded to reinstate Rae-Ellen's Lay License. Motion carried. Pastor Mark and Terry Buchmann then presented Rae-Ellen with a framed certificate to honor her Lay Ministry license.

Anything from the floor? Beth Petersen wanted to give a big thank you to Terry Buchmann for serving our church for the past two years as Moderator. We are truly grateful that she stepped

up a year early, forgoing the moderator-elect position she had been appointed to to take Diane Williams' place as moderator once Diane realized that her cancer was advancing too rapidly. Terry gave closing remarks thanking us for our support.

Remarks and Closing Prayer Terry gave closing remarks thanking us for our support and then closed us in prayer.

Bob B moved and Sue seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Himebauch
Council Secretary