

Congregational Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2010

Call to Order – Joy Grafton, Moderator

Opening Prayer – Joy Grafton

Review of Minutes from February 7 meeting – Tom Grafton

Motion to accept minutes (Kris Vanzant), seconded (Josh Mitchell)

Review of Financial Report, Jan-June 2010 – Don Vanzant, Pastor

Advertising expenses reduced

Giving is down from previous 6 months

2 major church costs in relation to pastor are for health insurance and cell phone

Region will continue to support our congregation

We currently have a negative income, concerns over how to correct losses

Motion to accept minutes (Shawn Warder), seconded (Josh Mitchell)

Church report – Don Vanzant

Bylaws required by KY law because church incorporated

Church attendance has been low since February's peak in attendance

General feeling of weariness in congregation, lack of growth

People are very busy, difficult to meet face-to-face

We need some activities to connect with the community

-how do we attract people we do not know?

-need for outreach programs to meet people's needs

Do we continue to meet in the school?

-contract with school recently renewed, \$240/month

-region offered office space, near Red Mile

-churches at our stage often open their first ministry site, including a place to hold meetings and ministry events, would cost approx. \$2400/month

Report closed

Motion to accept report (Josh Mitchell), seconded (Kris Vanzant)

Review of proposed Bylaws – Don Vanzant

Organization requires 9 people

2 major bodies: Council (administrative), Ministry Team (runs ministries)

Elders can serve on both bodies

Officers can only serve 3 years in succession

Personnel committee will deal with more sensitive matters

Calendar includes 2 congregational meetings per year, new officers begin

January 1, and fiscal year also begins January 1

Specific role of elder board discussed, primarily concerned with spiritual matters

Biblical qualifications for elders discussed, including no gender restrictions

Proposal to change June congregational meeting date discussed, voted upon but not passed

Question raised about expenditure limits

Motion to change Article 2E to lower high limit for council to spend without congregational approval from \$5,000 to \$2,500 (Josh Mitchell), seconded (Jessica Kidwell)

Change proposed to withdraw ability of Moderator & Vice-Moderator to write checks, discussed, not motioned.

Motion to approve Bylaws (Josh Mitchell), seconded (Jessica Kidwell), unanimous vote of approval

Congregational Business

Discussion concerning lack of attraction, perhaps because of less advertising

Discussion pointed to greater credibility by remaining in the school, but there is need for new ways to reach out to school and community

-suggestion to provide school supplies to students in need

-other outreach suggestions including large Grill n Chill at the school, show movie outside

Suggested that our church's great strength is unity and we should seek to provide opportunities to invite people into activities so that they will feel part of the group when they attend Sunday worship

Discussion concerning needed improvements to Sunday worship & setup

Congregational meeting to discuss Sunday worship concerns voted upon and approved for the month of August (specific date to be determined later)

Nominating committee randomly selected from names drawn from hat:

-Julie Johnson, Aubrie Mitchell, Carey McGuire

Motion to adjourn meeting (Josh Mitchell), seconded (Jessica Kidwell)

Closed in prayer: Carey McGuire