

MINUTES

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING - SPRING GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday June 4, 2023

A meeting of the congregation of Spring Garden Baptist Church was held live and via Zoom, on Sunday June 4, 2023. The meeting convened at 11:50 a.m.

Mike Penner, Moderator, called the meeting to order. In accordance with the by-laws, due notice of the meeting had been given, required reports had been distributed, and a quorum was present as indicated by a show of hands.

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to approve the minutes of the meeting of Feb 26, 2023, to receive 2022 audited financial statements and our annual reports, vote to fill the positions of various lay leaders including Elders and Deacons, and to appoint the auditor for 2023.

Zoom Process

Sam Lee reviewed the Zoom process for people who were joining the meeting remotely.

Opening Prayer. Margaret Sutton

Pastors Reports

Sam Lee

- by God's spirit we belong, we are renewed and we are sent
- Light of the World (sent)
- May retreat (belong and renewed) 80 people attended

Greg Kay

- new pew Bibles including a version for new readers
- unity in deacons, elders and pastors - thankful for great leadership
- transition from Abby to Emily
- excited about baptisms and new members

Emily Kielstra

- sees God working in the ordinary things of life
- we are a family, we belong to God and we love one another

Jeremy Ranasinghe

- building relationships between youth and youth leaders
- basement renovation
- youth want to participate more in leading worship

Approval of the minutes of the Feb 26, 2023 meeting

Motion by Karen Cassel and seconded by Darlene Boyd to approve the minutes. **Carried**

Financial Status

Jeff McGee

- audited statements for 2022 were received and approved by the board.
- expressed thanks for 2022 giving, and appreciation for Marion Cameron for navigating the audit
- \$675,000 budget for 2023, as of end of April we are a bit behind

Appointment of Auditor

Motion by Marion Cameron and seconded by Jeff McGee to appoint Norton McMullen LLP for 2023.

Carried

Nominating Committee Report.

Anja Turner

- Geoff Moore (Treasurer) and Karen Cassel (Clerk) have both exceeded 6 years, but the committee sees no barrier for them to continue in their roles
- expressed thanks to Marion Cameron for her many years of service

Motion by Barrie Porter and seconded by Cliff Shipmaker to approve the report of the Nominating Committee. **Carried**

Annual reports

It was noted that the annual report booklet has been made available in print and online.

Closing prayer. Barrie Porter

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Karen Cassel and seconded by Monica Kay. **Carried**

Respectfully submitted.

Karen Cassel, Church Clerk