

## **MINUTES**

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SPRING GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sunday February 25, 2024**

A meeting of the congregation of Spring Garden Baptist Church was held on Sunday, February 25, 2024. The meeting convened at 11:55 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 ministry resources budget for 2024 and to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2023 meeting

#### **Zoom Process**

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

**Opening Prayer.** Darlene Boyd

#### **Pastors' reports.**

##### **Greg Kay:**

- referred to the charts on pages 2 and 3 of the Budget document that explain where money comes in and how money is spent
- the pastors are very aware that we take care of our pastors financially and are grateful
- encouraged us to read the stories provided in the document that tell how people/groups are blessed by our ministries

##### **Sam Lee:**

- encouraged by our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and how God has used us in this community
- our congregation has become a lot more diverse since COVID
- has been reflecting on our child and youth ministries and possible upcoming changes

#### **Approval of the Minutes of June 4, 2023.**

Moved by Karen Cassel to approve the minutes of June 4, 2023 seconded by Barry Porter, and **Carried**

**2024 Budget Presentation.** Jeff McGee, Deacon of Finance presented the proposed budget.

- we have a budget for 2024 of \$689,000
- explained the process of consultation before arriving at the final figures
- we have a record of breaking even though we don't reach the budget
- we will not be using our reserve fund this year
- to meet this year's budget we will need more generous giving

Question and answer period followed with Greg responding to the queries

Moved by Jeff McGee to accept the ministry resources budget for 2024, seconded by Darlene Boyd, and **Carried**

**Faith Holwyn asked for an opportunity to speak to us**

- we are very blessed – some churches cannot afford to pay a pastor
- thanked the deacons and elders
- encouraged us to remain humble and be a service to our community
- thanked the ministry team the finance and budget officers
- offered a prayer of thanks

**Adjournment.** Moved by Karen Cassel to adjourn, seconded by Jane McClean, and **Carried**

**Closing prayer,** Colleen Stevens

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Cassel, Church Clerk