

Ankeny Christian Church

Congregational Meeting
Held: December 11, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President, David Rawson, at 11:18 am.

Opening prayer provided by David Rawson.

1. First item for discussion and voting was Leadership Nominations.
 - President – Elke Ukpabi
 - Pastor Relations Committee Chair – Darin Leach
 - Nominating Committee – Judy Krase

Vacancies noted for both President Elect and Stewardship and Finance Committee Chair.

Motion made by John Lee.

Seconded by Arnie Porath.

Passed by unanimous vote of congregational members in attendance.

2. Second item for discussion and voting was the 2023 budget.

Floor was turned over to Treasurer, Jackie Black. Jackie gave some general discussion regarding the proposed budget.

- She apologized that the “comment” section she intended to include on the far right was missing, as they would have been helpful for a number of questions that may arise.
- Structure of the budget is the same as it has been in the past. Shows the budgeted and actual for proposed year, the current year, and the year prior.
- Pledges were down, as there have been fewer pledge cards received than in the past. However, it should be noted that those that were received were up percentage wise over last year.
- Personnel increase is due to the positions of music leader and office manager actually being full for next year.
- There are some property items that will be paid this year - painting the ceiling and exterior of the CLC (Ankeny Christian Childcare Center).
- Senior Pastor was increased.
- The difference between revenue and expenses is about \$4,000. Which is a much better picture than last year.
- The Endowment Fund Interest of \$2,600 is split between four committees – Evangelism, Missions, Education and Worship.
- Purchase of a CD will take place soon. It was noted that they were waiting on the Feds to increase the rate.
- Questions proposed by members:

- Judy Krase – (1) If revenue is down and expenses are up, why are we still showing a \$40,000 decrease in the budget between 2022 and 2023 – it was noted this was due to no associated pastor expenses; and (2) What percent goes to DMF? It was noted that \$12,000 per year (\$1,000) per month is donated to DMF, plus there are special offerings through the year that also go to DMF.
- Georgene Raver – Is there an expense included to update the website? – No, not at this time. It was tabled when the church was running on a deficit, but it was noted that this is an item that will need to be addressed in the coming year. (It was noted by Di Mathis that the Evangelism portion of the Endowment Fund interest could be used for this.)
- Dan Fliger – (1) Do we have a capital budget for the audio system? Is there anything planned? – No, that will just come from the general fund. If the council gets to a point where they feel that a capital campaign is needed they will address the issue then. (2) What is our reserve cash? Approximately \$300,000 total, \$186,000 in unrestricted funds and the remainder in restricted funds.

Motion was made by Dan Fliger to accept the budget.

Motion was seconded by Patrice Sayer

Motion was passed by unanimous vote of the congregational members present.

Note that there is a collection for staff gifts. Please see David Rawson or Emily Porath with questions.

Georgene Raver gave thanks to David Rawson for his last two years as church President.

David Rawson thanked the other council members for their service as well.

Motion was made by Georgene Raver to adjourn.

Motion was seconded by Andrew Rawson.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.