



## **“Connecting, Caring and Sharing in ‘Christ’”**

### **Congregational Meeting Minutes**

**January 19, 2020**

**Fellowship Hall**

#### Welcome

- Discipleship Stories. Marcia Milam, Ryan Young, Lisa St. Peter
- Opening Prayer - Brian Pesch

#### Congregational Linkage

- Ministry Plan Update - Pastor Jeff Hesse
  - Introduction of Pastor Reynolds, comments from him.  
Some personal information, background.  
His priorities for first month here are:
    - Pastoral Team – building relationships
    - Staff – building relationships
      - Connections task force
      - School and ECC
    - Meeting members
    - Learning common speak and “how things are done”
  - Couples' Retreat coming up soon– February 7-9, 2020
  - Summary of staff transitions: Pastor Dorth leaves, Pastor Reynolds arrives, Becky Enright leaves, Desiree Titus steps up to lead Children's and Family Ministry and Sheri Averill becomes Assistant Director of ECC. Dawn Oldenettel retiring, opportunity to call new School Administrator.
  - South Wisconsin District Administrator of the Year, our own Nicole Janisse!
  - Campus Initiatives: \$670,000 through the Foundation for Campus Care
    - \$375,000 for the school roof
    - Sanctuary AV project (screens)
    - Heating issues at the school

- Thank you to the staff and congregation for being supportive and prayer for Pastor Hesse in his new role. Many new ideas and initiatives are being discussed.
- In February there will be a meeting with some community members and the staff to discuss what needs SJWB might be in a position to help with in the community.
- Financial Update – Pastor Hesse handouts, Analysis of Revenues and Expenses - Voters Meeting, and Debt Schedule July to September, 2019
  - Four legs of Revenue Stool
    - First Fruit Offerings- under budgeted ~\$23000
    - School – over budgeted ~\$22000
    - ECC- under budgeted ~19000
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Source Funding ie: SJWB Foundation
  - Expenses under budget ~\$50,000
  - Summary: Apart from the timing of special projects (almost \$700,000 funded Through the SJWB Foundation) we were pretty much on budget YTD through September.
- Faith Haven Update Ken Felsecker
  - Joel Hawkins – has stepped down as co-coordinator after 2 years of service
  - Brett Bergquist has stepped in as new co-coordinator
  - Faith Haven Events and Accomplishments 2019 (handout)
  - Video shown detailing accomplishments

#### Congregational Action Items

- Approval of Leadership Board's recommendation to extend a one year renewable call for a Commissioned Minister of the Gospel- Teacher (part time) to Keith Traska.
 

Motion to approve: Herb Wolf

Seconded: Mike Bryan

Discussion: Dawn Oldenettel explained that Keith went back to the District to return to the Synod list of rostered teachers. It is appropriate that the congregation now call him rather than contract him.

Prayer by Pastor Hesse.

Vote: Unanimous yes, no abstentions, motion carries
- Approval of the Leadership Board's recommendation to extend a call to serve as Minister of the Gospel- School Administrator to James Van Dellen.
 

Motion to approve by Marcia Milam

Seconded: Carolyn Mengel

Discussion: Information from Jeff Hesse

Names were received from the district office and at-large members for position.

Meetings were held by the screening committee led by Mike Bryan, and phone interviews conducted. The screening committee brought forward 2 names, AJ Amling and Jim Van Dellen. They each met with Jeff Hesse, then management team. There were also meet and greets with leadership, staff and school staff. Each candidate had follow up meetings with Pastor Hesse, followed by much prayer. The Leadership Board then approved bringing the motion forward to the congregation on the recommendation of Pastor Hesse.

Prayer by Pastor Hesse.

Vote: Unanimous yes, no abstentions, motion carries.

- Approval of October 2019 Congregational Meeting Minutes

Motion made: Kip Reinhardt

Seconded: Mike Bryan

Discussion: Request for friendly amendment to correct misspelled names

Vote: Unanimous yes with friendly amendment, no abstentions, motion carries

Prayer - Rich Buss

Motion to adjourn

Motion made: Dave Schmidt

Seconded: Mike Bryan

Vote: Unanimous yes, no abstentions, motion carries.

- Friendly amendments made to correct spelling of names 1/27/2020