

Congregational Meeting (Part 1)
Immanuel Presbyterian Church
February 2, 2020

Opening Prayer

Pastor George Garrison opened the meeting in prayer at 11:21 a.m.

Call to Order

Pastor Garrison noted we had a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of congregational meeting held on February 3, 2019 were reviewed. It was moved and seconded to approve these minutes. **This motion was approved.**

Clerk's Report

In 2019, we lost four dear friends, who went to be with our Lord. We also welcomed two infants and 13 new members, and four of our IPC children were baptized. Thanks to net changes after a two-year process of updating our rolls, our present Active Roll has increased from last year's roll by 20 people to 295, including 40 communicant children who are non-voting members.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Garrison led us in a prayer of thanks for the officers rotating out of the offices of Elder and Deacon, including Phyllis Le Peau (Elder), and (Deacons) Judy Bryson, Colin Holman, Jim Mann, and Jeanette Myra.

Nominating Committee Report

Carl Pickard, Nominating Committee Chair, gave a report on the committee's activity and briefly reviewed the process of nominating and voting for elders and deacons. He gave thanks to Cindy Bretsen and Harv Meyers for their help in the nominating process, and to the elders who interviewed each candidate. The election of at-large committee members will take place in March.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Garrison shared his 2019 report with the congregation and encouraged everyone interested in meeting with him to let him know. He highlighted the Vision Team, Renovation Prayer Focus Team, the Arizona Mission Trip, the Food Pantry, and his own new role on the Board of Warrenton Youth and Family Services.

Election of Officers

The election of officers was held according to predetermined nominations and ballot. The following members were elected to the office of Deacon: Tom Nguyen, Becky Eggimann, Jack Swanson, Debby France, and Seth Ehorn. The following members were elected to the office of Elder: Gaby Sosa and Sheroll Ritchie.

2020 Budget Presentation

Ron Netzel gave the report, covering last year's financial status and the budget for 2020. For the first time in eight years, we did not hit our giving goal, although we were close. Thankfully, expenses for 2019 were well under budget. In addition, the congregation gave \$121,402 toward the renovation fund in 2019. The budget for 2020 represents no increase from the 2019 budget. To achieve a flat budget, we were able to net some increases against some decreases

in the budget. Ron also noted that the church will receive a gift of approximately \$134,000 from the Julie Nowack Trust, which is designated for the building fund.

Business: It was moved and seconded to receive the budget of \$750,634 for 2020. **This motion was approved**

Renovation Update

Pastor Garrison presented a worksheet titled The “Five Pillars of the Renovation.” He emphasized the importance of the renovation (and especially the changes to the narthex) for welcoming visitors. He also noted how the process of designing the renovation has become a process of making concessions. This has provided clarity that our downstairs, even rearranged, will not provide adequate space. As a result, he noted, we do need to be thinking about expanding. He encouraged those present that being stretched financially is a good thing for our faith. Though it will be a challenge, God can provide and is not worried about the amount of money. Pastor Garrison concluded by noting how exciting it is to think about the potential for ministry that an expansion might bring.

Steve Wall reported that there were 122 surveys filled out. All of these surveys were tabulated, and Steve noted that in the report he provided, he has answered each question raised.

Scott Scheidt highlighted a few of the responses gleaned from the survey including: confusion and a lack of excitement, which leads to a lack of giving (41 percent are not giving). Each of these points to the need for increased communication. He also noted that the issues with the design highlight that perhaps we are trying to do too much with our existing square footage. He suggested we can join them in praying about how to best prioritize our needs for both today and the future.

Rob Noll showed some of the revised plans for the first phase of changes, which would involve moving the nursery downstairs, opening up the narthex, and adding three single user restrooms upstairs.

Steve Wall presented the following projected renovation costs:

Lower level: \$396,500

Narthex: \$197,500

Kitchen: \$55,000

Ministry House: \$145,500

Total needed for all the above-listed renovations: \$794,500

In-Hand: \$124,246

Balance still needed after subtracting cash in hand: \$670,254

(Note: Cash in-hand does not include the anticipated funds of approximately \$134,000 from the Julie Nowack Trust.)

Thanksgiving for Treasurer

Ron Netzel led the congregation in thanking Steve Bretsen for his 12 years of faithful service as Treasurer, and suggested that anyone interested in the position should speak with him or Annette.

Motion to Receive Reports

It was moved and seconded to receive all submitted reports. **This motion was approved.**

Call for Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m. **This motion was approved.**

Closing Prayer

Pastor Garrison closed the meeting in prayer at 12:20

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Anderson
Clerk of Session

George A. Garrison
Moderator