



Good Samaritan Community Covenant Church

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 18, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:52 AM by Church Chair Dick Brown who opened in prayer.

The count of attendees took place and we exceeded the necessary quorum of 75 with 91 members attending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Congregational Meetings of November 12, 2017, February 11, 2018, March 18, 2018 and July 22, 2018 were read. Bill Lohsen made a motion to approve, Bill Ladley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

VOTING TO CONFIRM:

- **2019 BUDGET:** Budget Committee Chair Kathy Rusk briefly reviewed the budget and fielded some questions. Darrell Williams made a motion to approve the 2019 Budget, Bill Lohsen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **2019 BOARD NOMINATIONS:** Nominating Committee Chair Mike Mowrey acknowledged and thanked the members of the committee. He then presented the roster of nominations (attached). Bill Lohsen made a motion to approve the nominations, Karla Rivero seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mike then thanked all outgoing members for their service.
- **STANDING COMMITTEE – COMMUNICATION & ORGANIZATION:** The question was asked as to what is the purpose of this committee? Senior Advisor Darrell Williams explained that the committee is tasked with ensuring that all written communication and printed matter sent from Good Samaritan is proper and meets our standards; and in addition, oversees any organizational chart changes to ensure that proper guidelines are followed. Jack Jolliff made a motion to extend the committee, Bill Lohsen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT(S): Since these matters were tabled from last year's meeting, Darrell Williams noted that a motion must be made to "take them off the table". Bev Brayshaw made such a motion, Bill Lohsen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. **Amendment #1: Article VIII, Section 2:** Currently indicates that notice of all congregational business meetings shall be mailed to members not less than two weeks prior to the meeting. The proposed change would state that the notice shall be distributed either via postal service, physically and/or electronically. Bev Brayshaw made a motion to approve the amendment, Bill Lohsen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. **Amendment #2: Article VII, Section 3:** Currently states that all business meetings of the church and boards, committees and organizations for the church shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. The proposed change to include "biblical guidelines" and Robert's Rules of Order as a general guideline ignited a humdinger of a discussion, with many voices being heard. It was noted that the Covenant (Good Sam) Compass was already in place. Finally, a motion was made by Sandy Lohsen to amend Section 3 to include that said meetings are to be held according the Covenant (Good Sam) Compass and Robert's Rules of Order, Karla Rivero seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE: Church Chair Dick Brown attempted to give a *brief* overview of where the search stands. Being an emotional issue for the congregation, many questions were asked, not all of them answered. As it stands now, the Pastoral Search Profile Writing Team has concluded their part, and it will be presented to the Executive Board this week. A tentative list of names of people to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee is being compiled for deliberation by the Executive Board. There is much work to be done, and it will take time. Dick asked for the congregation to be praying as the process continues.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Dick Brown at 12:58 PM.

A motion was made by Bill Lohsen to recess the meeting until the second half (date to be determined) and seconded by Karla Rivero. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Ladley
Executive Board Secretary