

St. Paul's Des Peres Voters' Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 17th, 2024 – noon in the Sanctuary

Agenda

Call to order – Mark Cannon

Opening Prayer – Pastor Thompson

Approval of Minutes from 5/19/24 and 9/19/24 voters' meetings- Motion to approve, second, motion passed.

Election of Officers – Mark Cannon, Nominating Committee Chair

Rick Berndt – Nominated for second term as chairman of school board.

Matt Brickler – Nominated as Treasurer. Bryan Harris is stepping down.

Jon Burford – Nominated for second term as VP.

Kris Buelmann – Nominated as Chairman of Board of Missions.

Motion to approve these officers. Second. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Bryan Harris, Treasurer. Laurie Barnett presenting in Bryan's absence.

Highlights:

Deficit due to falling behind in offerings at the end of the fiscal year at the end of June.

Significant reduction of debt. Should be paid off by the time construction is finished.

Building Update – Dave Ziegler, Committee Chair. John Piedimonte presenting in Dave's absence.

Ground work is underway with Pinnacle. They are good to work with.

Finalizing design of systems within, but building design is done.

Good progress, but weather will be a challenge over the next few months. Still on track time-wise and budget-wise.

Call Committee Update – Desmond Kittelson, Committee Chair

First meeting was April; continue to meet often. Working to make the right choice. 47 names submitted by congregation. Pres Hagen pared this down 26 and added 12 additional. Committee sorted through all info (Personal Information Form – PIF and SET - Self Evaluation Tool) and selected 8 for Zoom interviews to get to know them better. Sent 9 follow-up questions to 6 of these via email, due yesterday. All responses received prior to the deadline. Two have withdrawn their names from consideration due to family situations not conducive to serving at St. Paul's. 4 candidates remain and will be ranked on all info received to date. Will bring in 2-3 for in-person interviews after the first of the year. After that, the committee will bring 2 names for the congregation to choose to extend a call. After that, could be 4-6 weeks before acceptance. Probably will be April or May before the process is complete.

Question: Have we reviewed sermons? Yes, online sermons from all candidates were reviewed before the Zoom interviews. The children's sermons were helpful as representative of their teaching style.

Question: Can we review their sermons before we vote? Traditionally, no, because we don't release their names prior to a call to protect their privacy. Committee will consider.

Question: Why not bring 3 to congregation rather than 2? This is the way it is traditionally done, but if we felt there was a 3rd that was close to the top 2, we may do that.

Question: What kind of info will the congregation get to see on the candidates? SET is filled out by all pastors on a regular basis. Pres Hagan provided these. Congregation may not be able to see all of the documentation, but the committee will provide more than just names.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Wade