

Burke Community Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2020

Elder Bob Ashton called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and acted as chairman. Executive Director Dave DuHadway acted as parliamentarian. Elder Ben Allen kept minutes. Elders conducted the meeting in accordance with the agenda captured in the November Congregational Meeting slides. The elders conducted a quorum count. 160 members were required; 167 were present and an additional 40 absentee ballots were submitted. The slides capture the content of the meeting.

A motion was made to approve the six members of the Elder Nominating Committee. It was seconded and confirmed by a voice vote of the members present.

Pastor Marty presented his report. It is worth noting that BCC will be moving to three services in 2021. Pastor Marty will also be teaching through Revelation on Sunday evenings starting in January.

Brian Buchanan presented the Treasurer's Report for 2020. Offerings in 2020 have been approximately 97% of 2019. That is a terrific reflection on the faithfulness of our members.

Elder Steve Knight presented the 2021 budget. We are projecting a 2% increase over 2020. Details are in the slides. A motion was made and seconded. A unanimous vote of hands confirmed the budget. Three questions were asked during the budget presentations.

What happens to money in the budget that is not spent? Ans. It goes into the general fund to be part of the Blessings Over Spending decisions, unless that money was part of a designated gift, in which case it continues to be used as designated.

Have we seen expected drops in the mortgage rate? Ans. The BCC rate is a commercial rate, not a residential rate. We are being offered very competitive rates under 5% (recognizing residential rates are < 3%).

Does the Mission Budget include money for local missions and "street evangelism?" Ans. There is a large portion that is designated for local missions and outreach. "Street evangelism" is an area of interest that we would like to work on in 2021.

What is the process for determining the amounts needed for each ministry budget area? Ans. The budget amounts are determined by reviewing the requirements from a zero baseline budget approach and assessing past execution, determining estimated giving, and applying the estimated giving across the budget areas according to the priorities established by BCC's strategy and the COE.

Elder Paul Schmidt presented a summary of the building plan. The estimate at complete (EAC) has held steady at \$17.9M. Upon completion, the actual loan on the mortgage will be approximately \$7.5M, reduced to \$5.5M based on cash available to pay down the loan. The final work on refurbishing the old sanctuary should be complete in December. The EAC includes painting and carpeting of the old office spaces, in support of the future Care and Counseling Center. The costs to build out the basement to support Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) classes were briefed, with no questions from the congregation.

Elder George Lare closed the meeting in prayer at 2:08 p.m.

Respectively submitted.

Ben Allen

Clerk of the Council of Elders