

Burke Community Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
Virtual via Church-On-Line

Discussion Leader: Bob Ashton

Attendees:

We had a very good response/attendance to the Congregational Meeting. A total of 352 unique IP addresses were present online for greater than 40 minutes.

I. Business

Elder Bob Ashton acted as chairman; Elder Ben Allen kept minutes; Elder Dave DuHadway acted as parliamentarian. Elders and staff conducted the meeting in accordance with the agenda laid out in the November 2019 Congregational Meeting slides. The presentations by Bob Ashton, Pastor Marty Baker, Brian Buchanan, and Paul Schmidt were pre-recorded so that the meeting began promptly at 1:00 p.m. with a review of the agenda and opening prayer by Bob Ashton. Because of the on-line format, real time questions were submitted in the chat room. Follow-up, or more detailed questions were answered from the email address: info@burkecommunity.com. All Q&A were posted with the minutes and slides at burkecommunity.com/resources/elder-minutes.

- a. **Election of Elders.** Bob Ashton thanked Richard Dick for his service the past 6 ½ years on the Council of Elders. The election of a new elder, Steve Knight, and the election of Dave DuHadway for a second term were conducted through an on-line, absentee ballot process. The 228 votes received far exceeded the in-person quorum under normal circumstances and the requirement for 155. The COE announced the successful election of both Steve and Dave to the council for 3-year terms.
- b. **Senior Pastor Report.** Pastor Baker provided a comprehensive review of the state of BCC and the staff. The new building is proceeding on schedule with an expected occupancy on July 12 and the first service on July 19, 2020. We still plan to have a festive opening targeted in September. The church can expect to see our “virtual worship” continue in accordance with government direction and a prudent resumption. Attendance on-line has been exceptional. The church continues to see outstanding examples of volunteerism, support to missions, and care and benevolence to the body. A continuing thanks to men’s and women’s ministries for their focus on prayer and care during the COVID crisis. Children’s ministry and youth groups have refocused their activities to reach families and students via on-line support. Pastor Marty will be sending out a follow-up letter in the coming weeks on the resumption of in-person worship and activities.
- c. **Treasurer’s Report.** Treasurer Brian Buchanan reported that FY2019 completed with over \$500k of giving greater than expenses. This is a tribute to the financial management of the staff and the faithful giving of the congregation. The first quarter of 2020 is surprisingly strong in the presence of the COVID-19 disruptions. Again, the church spending is being conservative

compared to the budget, and the giving is generous. Our position compares favorably with 1Q 2019.

- d. Building Program Report.** Paul Schmidt provided an overview of the new building and the progress toward completion. The new auditorium will seat over 1100. The building provides new classrooms and new offices for the staff. Designated giving to the building continues to reduce the mortgage that will be required upon completion of construction. Upon occupancy and first service in July, remodeling efforts will transfer to the old building, with all efforts scheduled to be completed in December 2020. Plans to share the basement of the new building with Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) are proceeding smoothly. DTS will occupy about 2/3 of the basement. This will continue to provide approximately 3000 sq ft of storage for BCC.

Following a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at about 1:55 p.m. Slides, the video file, and a compilation of questions and answers will be posted along with these minutes on the BCC website at <https://burkecommunity.com/resources/elder-minutes> .

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Allen,
Clerk of the Council of Elders