

St Andrew Presbyterian Church
140 Gathering Place Lane, Iowa City
Annual congregational meeting February 18, 2018
following 11:00 a.m. service

Moderator - Kitch Shatzer

Meeting called to order at 12:24 pm in the sanctuary.

Kitch led with an opening prayer.

The needed quorum of 77 members was confirmed.

Finance Team report from Tony Roetlin: The operating budget for 2018 was presented to Session in December based on a plan of stabilization and transition as we learn about this our new facility. We have a deficit budget, based on pledges in late 2017. The proposal does represent a one-time overlap in pastoral staff (severance for Pastor Matt, salary for interim pastor). There are sufficient funds in checking to cover the overlap as 2017 ended with excess balance of approximately \$42,000.

Stewardship report from Chris Charis-Donelson: Our goal had been to increase the operating budget by 10% (\$1 million) to allow for growth in programs and support staff, but our pledging for 2018 support did not reach that level. Stewardship is a conversation between church leadership, the congregation, and God. The number of total pledging units decreased from 181 in fall 2016 to 153 in fall 2017. The average pledge was higher than in 2016, however. The gifts of our current membership define our future; and we need enthusiasm and faith that God is moving us forward during the fall 2018 stewardship campaign. Chris also mentioned a future capital campaign in 2019 will address the mortgage, as this is separate from the operating budget.

Personnel Team, regarding the terms of call for Associate Pastor, Kyle Otterbein. Jan Waterhouse and Kathy Duys, personnel team co-chairs, began by saying personnel wanted to recognize and show appreciation for the efforts of staff during the past year of transition. They have all worked extra hours and kept a joyful spirit throughout. Session and the personnel team approved the following for benefits-eligible staff: year-end bonuses, extra personal day off for 2018, and a mission-leave policy allowing up to 5 calendar days to be used annually for participation in St Andrew-sponsored mission trips. Kyle's terms of call were presented as listed on page 45 of the annual report, no change from last year beyond the extra personal day off. Congregation voted to approve the terms.

BuildingTeam – Presented by Jack Prall, who serves on both building team and the organ committee. He summarized the past 6 years in regard to scope, schedule, and cost.

Scope – we now have great capacity to extend our mission to the glory of God.

Schedule - studies began before the year 2000 to address our facilities at the Melrose Avenue church and became serious in 2008 with our purchase of the Camp Cardinal property. In 2011-12 The Road Map team was formed and the congregation voted to build a new church building at Camp Cardinal.

Construction was to have finished in late 2014, however the architect did not begin working until early 2014. Construction actually began in Dec 2015 with an April 2017 completion date anticipated, but this was delayed due to obtaining a building permit behind schedule, the late steel delivery, and a delay in the occupancy permit from the city. The completion date moved to August 2017, then October, and the first service was finally held December 17, 2017.

Cost – In 2014 or 2015 there was an estimated total cost of \$12 million, by spring 2016 the cost estimate had risen to \$12.2 million and was presented at a congregational meeting. As the estimate began to rise toward \$13 million, the building team and Apex construction worked on deletion and deferrals to reduce the cost by \$1 million. The building team reports the project will now finish at \$12 million or \$160/square foot as of today's date.

Organ update - Dobson Organ Builders will return to our project earlier than originally planned, coming next week. Our hope is for the organ to be in operation by Palm Sunday. This is 3 years behind schedule, largely because of construction delays. Dobson discovered that parts of the organ had been pilfered post flood while it was still in Clapp Recital Hall. They also needed to replace some items due to damage over the years, yet these issues, combined with the 3-year delay in the new building completion, have not resulted in increased costs for the organ project. Four years ago Dobson estimated a cost of \$500,000 and that price will hold.

Kitch thanked the congregation and Session for allowing her involvement with St Andrew the past few months as moderator of Session and also thanked both for their efforts the past year. She stated the congregation will be in good hands with Interim Pastor Danie DeBeer.

Motion to adjourn accepted 12:51 pm. Kitch closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Patricia Benson, Clerk pro-tem