

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting | January 28, 2018

Time	Topic	Presenter	Expected Outcomes
2:05	Call to order	Michael McDonald	Get Settled
2:05	Reading, Chalice Lighting	Minister(s)	Get centered
2:07	Opening Remarks	Michael McDonald	Agenda Review, Procedural Items
<p>Minutes: We have a quorum of 171 members signed in for the annual meeting</p>			
2:10	"Change for the future" explanation of ballots	Anne Mueller	Recap 2017, Explain 2018 Ballots and Process
<p>Minutes: Ballots have changed this year and we are now doing ranked choice voting.</p>			
2:12	LSC Report and Nominations	Bill Slakey	Present team update and nominees for BOD, LSC, Endowment & Financial Review. Nominate 2018 Church Officers
<p>Minutes: <b>One floor nomination from Pat Diem for Cheri Plavnick for Endowment Committee</b> No additional nominations on the floor</p>			
2:15	Vote on LSC Nominations	Michael McDonald	Ratify Slate of LSC Nominees
<p>Minutes:</p> <p>President (1-year term) Gwen Sawyer  Treasurer (1-year term) Linda Skye  Board of Directors (2-year term, renewable once)  New Nominees: Stirling Crow, James Gilson, and Keith Morris  Nominated for Second Term: Alisa Cooper de Uribe, and Meghan Shattuck  Continuing in Place: Heather Clark, Marilyn O'Boyle, and Dumas Slade, Donna Collins  Endowment Committee (2-year term, renewable once)  New Nominees: The Rev. Howell K. Lind, Cheri Plavnick and Linda Suydam  Continuing in Place: Pat Diem and Margo Milleret  Leadership Succession Committee (2-year term, renewable once)  New Nominees: Judy Bentley, Andrew Fearnside, and Mikaela Renz-Whitmore  Nominated for Second Term: Ian Carrillo  Continuing in Place: Vance Bass, Chris Mayo, and Bill Slakey  Financial Review Committee (2-year term, renewable once)  New Nominee: Nancy Kilpatrick  Continuing in Place: Angela Merkert and Bruce Newton  Moderator (no term limit) Michael McDonald</p> <p><b>Vote to accept slate of candidates proposed by LSC.</b>  <b>Vote passes</b></p>			
2:16	Recognition of outgoing leaders	Angela Herrera and Larry Alei	Express our gratitude
<p>Minutes: Outgoing leaders: Larry Alei, Dimitri Kapelianis, Anne Manning, Michelle Bloodworth</p>			

2:20	Treasurer's Report	Linda Skye, Paul Browne	Recap 2017 financial results	
<p>Minutes: Surplus of \$25,763 due to pledging.</p> <p>Questions: What is the difference between projected budget and budget we have on paper here? This shows the difference between capital and non-capital. Mortgage expenses are shown in one and not the other</p> <p>What is in miscellaneous category? Includes insurance expense, property taxes, financial service fees,</p> <p>Why do we not see branch income? We do not try to count how much money comes from the branches versus other members. We do not tie it to the money that comes from the branches, each branch has an allocated expense</p>				
2:24	Financial review committee report	Angela Merkert	Demonstrate financial check and balance process/team	
<p>Minutes: Overall we are in good hands. Some concerns around backup procedures being addressed</p>				
2:28	Endowment committee report	Pat Diem	Update from the group & process improvements	
<p>Minutes: Endowment fund has grown from under 422000 to 661000. Also released 13000 as part of church operations</p>				
2:35	2018 Budget Proposal	Linda Skye, Paul Browne	Present 2018 proposed budget and unfunded desires	
<p>Minutes:</p> <p>Questions: Does the church have a reserve in case of a serious problem? We try to monitor cash-flow, since income and expenses don't track each other. However we do not yet have an operating cash reserve for a rainy day. We always carry some capital reserves as well. We do not put those into our operating budget though.</p> <p>Planned capital improvements - what is the policy/plan for how to build that over time? The "green team" was formed and met throughout the year. Want to slowly build up to \$100,000 in capital reserve. 40% is for emergencies and the rest will be for planned care for the campus/facility</p>				
2:45	Vote to accept the 2018 budget	Michael McDonald	Ratify 2018 proposed budget	
<p>Minutes: <b>Budget approved by congregational vote</b></p>				
2:50	Explain and Propose vote on commemoration project	Donna Collins, Pat Diem	Describe project of interest=t timeline, informal pledges, and	

	exploration		process for congregational input
<p>Minutes:</p> <p>Motion presented to hire an architect to develop a preliminary scope of work and planning level cost estimates for renovation of the current social hall using all information collected to date. Architect fee will not exceed 30,000 that is available from firm commitments from anonymous donors.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Concern that a renovation will not honor Christine.</p> <p>Second concern that a renovation would not appropriately honor her. Concern that it felt like it was predetermined that we were doing a building project.</p> <p>Comment - that many ideas were considered, and noted that Christine is in support of this</p> <p>Question - Would the proposed renovation have showers? Yes</p> <p>Comment – that Christine is partial to labyrinth, which would make a good commemoration for her</p> <p>Comment that meeting had broad support for social hall renovation.</p> <p>Comment - There is a place in town that has a labyrinth we might be able to use</p> <p>Comment - sad to see Wesson/Arnold/La Amikoj passed over. Youth may receive a message that their facilities are less important.</p> <p>Comment - bathroom does not work in Wesson/Arnold</p> <p><b>Motion to table this motion to later bring a motion of a different form to debate the issue</b></p> <p><b>Motion seconded.</b></p> <p><b>Vote taken, motion failed.</b></p> <p>Noted that the motion itself does not say anything about commemorating Christine.</p> <p>Is the commitment from the anonymous donors specifically for the social hall? Yes</p> <p>Is the podium/stage area going away? Are there drawings?</p> <p>Architect would provide drawings.</p> <p>Concern that this idea is not baked out enough</p> <p>Comment - Consider removing Christine commemoration as language in this</p> <p>Comment - this motion would provide factual information</p> <p>Question: Was this money raised/offered with specific language about commemorating Christine?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Did have preliminary discussion with Architect. Asked what very wide estimate of costs are we looking at? The said somewhere in the area of 1 million dollars. Arnold/Wesson/La Amikoj was estimated around 2 million dollars. The Sanctuary addition was previously estimated at 1 million dollars.</p> <p><b>Call for objections in ending debate and moving to vote</b></p> <p><b>No objection to ending debate and moving to vote</b></p>			
3:22	Vote on commemoration project exploration	Michael McDonald	Seek approval to move forward with collecting inputs and informal pledges.
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3:25	Annual Report	Larry Alei	Update from the board of directors perspective	
<p>Minutes:                      Top focus area for 2017 was ministerial transition                      Other priorities were Campus Care, Immigration and Sanctuary, Endowment Process, Risk Management Review, Commemorating our minister</p>				
3:40	State of the Church	Angela Herrera	Update from the Minster's perspective	
<p>Minutes:</p>				
3:47	Results of "Change for the future" votes	Anne Mueller	Announce selection of recipients for 2018	
<p>Minutes:                      New Mexico Immigrant Law Center                      Planned Parenthood                      Barret Foundation                      Encuentro</p>				
3:47	Meeting Adjourned			