

**CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017**

OPENING

The annual congregational meeting of The Church of the Covenant was called to order with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg at 12:14 p.m. in the Covenant Center on Sunday, January 29, 2017. Moderator Rev. Dr. Broberg declared a quorum present.

Dr. Broberg then advised that the minutes from this meeting will be reviewed by Session and approved in advance at the end of the Congregational Meeting.

It was moved by George Camlin and seconded by Pat Boyer to approve the docket for this meeting. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE CHURCH'S 2015 STATISTICAL REPORT

Jonathan Pachter, Clerk of Session, reviewed the 2016 Statistical Report. Our current membership is 811, vs. 814 at the end of 2016. That reduction is mainly due to an unusual number of members passing in 2016.

MOMENTS OF NOTE

Dr. Broberg recognized Jonathan Pachter for his 10 years of service as Clerk of Session. He was given a plaque and a bobble-head. Whitey Grantz was recognized for celebrating his 88th birthday.

THE CORPORATION MEETING

A motion was made by Fred Boni and seconded by Ben Evans to temporarily adjourn the ecclesiastical meeting in order to convene the corporation meeting and that the President of the Corporation. The motion was unanimously approved by the congregation. Chuck Neff, President of the Corporation of the Church of the Covenant, then presided over the corporate meeting.

RECEIVING THE SESSION-APPROVED 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Neff asked Finance Committee Chairperson Steve Marriner to provide some analysis of the end-of-year 2016 finances, and to explain the 2017 Operating Budget (previously received by Session at the January 9, 2017 Session meeting). Mr. Marriner noted that we ended 2016 with a surplus of approximately \$74,000. He credited Dr. Broberg's fundraising efforts and smart Committee spending for how the surplus was achieved.

Regarding the 2017 Operating Budget, Steve noted that it was very conservative and reflected only using a percentage of pledged income for the budget, per past practice in case the entire pledged amount is not received. Steve also reviewed the information in the budget, which was more detailed than in past years.

Chuck Neff moved and Janet Nevin seconded a motion to receive the 2017 Operating Budget. There were no additional questions or comments, and the motion to approve the 2017 Operating Budget was unanimously approved by the congregation. Dr. Broberg thanked and praised Mr. Marriner for his hard work and attention to detail in preparing the 2017 Operating Budget.

AUDIT REPORT

Fred Boni read a letter to the congregation from the Audit Committee. In that letter, the Audit Committee noted that all of our accounts were in good order, and that they had no recommendations for improving how we account for our finances. The church's financial reports were approved as written.

ADJOURN THE CORPORATION MEETING AND RECONVENE THE ECCLESIASTICAL PORTION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A motion was made by Jerry Davison and seconded by Ben Evans to adjourn the corporation meeting in order to reconvene the ecclesiastical meeting. There was no discussion. The congregation voted unanimously to approve the motion.

APPROVE THE PASTOR'S TERMS OF CALL

Dr. Broberg called on Jonathan Pachter to moderate the meeting at this time so his terms of call could be reviewed. Dr. Broberg left the room at this time. Mr. Pachter called on Cindy Garlisi of the Personnel Committee to address any questions about Dr. Broberg's terms of call. Since the motion was made by Ms. Garlisi for the Committee, no second was needed on the motion to approve the presented terms of call for Dr. Broberg. There were no questions or comments from the congregation, which then voted unanimously to approve the motion. Dr. Broberg returned to the Covenant Center, resumed his role as moderator, and thanked the congregation for their confidence and their approval vote.

Dr. Broberg then led a discussion about issues of concern that have arisen at recent Session meetings, including the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee process we will be starting soon, and the demolition of the Campbell House. Dr. Broberg and others answered questions about these issues.

RECEIVE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Broberg acknowledged the annual reports prepared by the Session's Committees. A motion was made by Sara Smith and seconded by Tim Grantz to receive the 2016 Annual Reports. There were no questions regarding the Annual Reports. The congregation unanimously approved the motion to receive these Annual Reports.

APPROVE THE MINUTES PENDING SESSION APPROVAL

A motion was made by Joel Braun and seconded by Joyce Camlin to approve the minutes of the congregational meeting pending Session review and approval. There was no discussion and no questions, so a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNING THE MEETING

After a motion to adjourn was made by Ben Evans, seconded by George Camlin and then approved unanimously by the congregation, Dr. Broberg adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan M. Pachter

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Clerk of Session