



**Congregational Meeting Minutes**  
**December 8, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

**Opening Devotions and Prayer:** Pastor Jonathan read from Matthew 6:7-19. From the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus is teaching his disciples to pray. Her then opened the meeting with prayer.

**Our Vison: The purpose and hope for our meeting:** We need to come to this meeting filled with trust in those who have prepared and trust that that God has been involved in all decisions.

**Explanation of Robert's Rules of Order:** Pastor Jonathan explained the order under which we will hold this meeting.

**Approve 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Majority:** A motion was made and supported to approve all motions by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority. **Motion Approved**

**Approve Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made and supported to approve the agenda as submitted. **Motion Approved**

**Approval of Previous Minutes (12-10-23) Congregational Meeting):** A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the Dec. 10, 2023 congregational meeting by presentation. **Motion Approved**

**Approving Tellers (Count and report results of voting):** A motion was made and supported to approve the following slate of tellers: Don Komejan, Kim Petroelje, Terry Bouwman, Scott Larson, Ellen Hutt, and Dave Hightower. **Motion Approved**

**Approving Absentee Ballots:** A motion was made and supported to receive the absentee ballots as submitted. **Motion Approved**

**New Members of Consistory: Ballot vote on Single Slate:** An introduction was made with regard to the slate of new deacons and elders. No questions were asked. Therefore a motion coming with support from the Administrative Consistory was presented with the following names:

Personnel Elder: Graig Wever

Assistant Treasurer: Carey Koele

Care Elder:

Doug Vos

Assistant Facilities: Matt Grunst

Spiritual Formation Elder: Kris Bastiaanse

**Financial Updates/2025 Budget (Deacons)/Capital Campaign Update:** Matt Lucas gave a report on the current financial position. From the General fund look as of 11/30 expenses are around \$50K over income compared to last year when expenses were \$70K over income. However we are caring a net cash amount of \$79,599 in addition to designated funds that equate to \$364,316. We are doing well.

**Ballot Vote on 2025 Budget:** The motion for the budget for 2025 comes with support from the Consistory. The 2025 budget presented by Brad Stevens shows an increase of \$22,199. The total for the year is \$1,309,738. Staff wages increases and facilities made up the bulk of the increase. After on question with regard to what the LPL account was, ballots were handed out.

**Capital Campaign:** Matt Lucas updated the congregation with regard to the status of the capital campaign. Listing the status of current projects and showing an immediate need of \$78,063 to complete. Future needs and projects will be explained as they come up for action.

**Personnel Updates:** Pastor TJ thanked the personnel committee for their outstanding work in 2024. There were four major hires. TJ South, Drew Ericks, Ava Bartels (an increase for nursery) and Kylie Hoesch

**Denominational/Classis Update (Pastor Jonathan):** Pastor Jonathan updated the congregation on the current status for the denomination/classis changes. All of this comes out of the 2024 General Synod meeting and has to be approved at the 2025 General Synod meeting. That being said the current plan is to do away with all regional classis and move all current local classis into what will be called Middle Assemblies. These middle assemblies will be formed based on the individual churches position and beliefs over sexuality. Faith Church will need to address this probably during the second half of 2025. Middle assemblies will be made up of possibly 20 -25 churches. Reporting would be direct to the General Synod.

**Report Results of Consistory/2025 Budget Vote:** The results of the two main motions were announced.

Ballot vote on single slate: **Motion Approved** (154 yes/1 no)

Ballot on 2025 budget: **Motion Approved** (152 yes /1 no)

**New Business:** Pastor Jonathan gave a thank you to all outgoing consistory members.

Dave Barnes, Sara Donkersloot, Tracey Willemstein, Chad Keegstra, and Matt Lucas

**Adjourn:** A motion was made and supported to adjourn. **Motion Approved**

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Jonathan closed in Prayer

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