

Centre Congregational Church

Annual Meeting

September 30, 2012

Moderator, Bruce Weaver determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of September 25, 2011 were accepted by unanimous consent.

Reports of Officers and Ministry Team Leaders: The Moderator introduced the Officers and Ministry Team Leaders and thanked them for their efforts on behalf of Centre Church. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of Officers and Ministry Teams and Outreach Ministries as printed in the Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.

The Moderator noted that Parish Council amended the Treasurer's Report of the FY 2013 budget printed in the Annual Report. Copies of the amended budget were circulated. A motion was made and seconded to accept the amendments as presented. The Moderator outlined the reasons for the amendments which he noted would be explained in detail by the Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Outreach Ministries: Sandi Watson reminded the congregation of the many ways our missions gifts help others. She noted that our contributions support causes like mission trips, Bread and Roses, and the Lynn Shelter Association, and that our generosity tells people in need that they are not alone.

2012-2013 Annual Budget: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Centre Church operating budget as presented in its amended form on September 30, 2012. Before explaining the FY 2013 budget, Treasurer Jeff Law reviewed the financial data for fiscal year 2012 as printed in the Annual Report. He reviewed balances in all the various funds and noted that despite a mild winter and being very judicious with expenses, FY 2012 ended with a deficit of \$14,467.82. In his presentation of the FY 2013 budget, Jeff noted that Parish Council, at their Sept. 25, 2012 meeting, voted to make changes to the Pledge Income line item, the MBA dues paid line item, and the MBA dues received line item. Jeff explained that the pledge income was revised to more accurately reflect pledges received, and \$2000 was added to the MBA dues line item. On the expense side of the budget, Council reduced the MBA Dues Received from Members line item by \$3882.30. Council believes that we can no longer afford to fund the deficit between MBA dues received from members and MBA dues paid. Council voted to send a letter to members who did not pay their MBA dues this year asking them to please submit payment for their dues. The anticipated response from this letter prompted Council to increase the income in the MBA line item by \$2000. Council then voted to pay MBA dues equal to the amount received from Members thereby reducing the expense line item by \$3882.30. These actions will eliminate future deficits for MBA dues and align MBA dues and expenses. Jeff continued in his summary of the FY 2013 budget by highlighting major budget items and noting that there are no salary increases in the FY 2013 budget. Pastor expenses are up by \$722.14 as per the Pastor's Terms of Call. Cost of health insurance is lower than last year. Jeff reported that the FY 2013 budget includes a deficit of \$10,148.10, and he cautioned that we cannot continue to eat into our reserves to offset budget deficits. He reported that in response to deficits in FY 2012 and 2013, Parish Council voted to implement a supplemental pledge drive to raise \$25,000-approximately \$200 per pledging unit. There being no further discussion, the Moderator thanked the Treasurer for his hard work and called for a vote on the motion to accept the FY 2013 budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers, Ministry Team Chairs and Other Positions: A motion was made and seconded to elect and approve all the names recorded on the Nominating Committee list contained in the 2011-2012 Annual Report. The Moderator asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Remembrance of Deceased Members: The Moderator called for a moment of silence to remember and celebrate the lives of members and friends of Centre Church who were called home to eternal rest between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Recognition of 50-year Members: The Moderator noted that Betsy Brown is joining the "50 year Team."

There being no new or unfinished business, Rev. Bailey led a closing prayer.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cotting, Recording Secretary