

Special Congregational Meeting - June 1, 2014

Moderator, Bruce Weaver determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. The Moderator explained that the purpose of the meeting was to pass a preliminary budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. The final budget will be voted on at the church's annual meeting in September.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the preliminary operating budget as presented.

Treasurer, Jeff Law reviewed the FY 2014 budget numbers through April, 2014 as well as projections for May and June. He noted that the projected loss in the FY14 Operating Budget is \$20,257.95. This number is \$3413.17 better than the budgeted loss of \$23,671.12. Our income is expected to be \$4141.47 worse than budget, but our expenses are expected to be \$7554.64 better than budget despite our very harsh winter.

Jeff reviewed the highlights of the preliminary FY2015 budget. Income in FY15 is projected to fall by \$7997.06. We received a large, undesignated contribution this year, but we do not anticipate that same kind of contribution in FY15. Pledge income is expected to increase by \$4652.55, but that number assumes that everyone who pledged last year will pledge again in FY15. It also assumes that 100% of the amount pledged will be received. Our income from T-Mobile will increase by 2%; all other income items are projected at FY14 levels. Projections for expenses include a 2% salary increase for staff, a 5% increase in insurance costs, and a 10% increase in medical costs. Any salary increases will be voted at the September Annual Meeting and would not be effective until October 1 for the Senior Pastor and January 1 for other staff. Pastor expenses are budgeted at \$5500, consistent with the Pastor's Terms of Call, though the actual expenses are typically much lower. Faith Development expenses have been budgeted slightly higher than current year's projection to be consistent with prior years' budgets. The increase in the Supply Minister reflects that we will pay for one month (June) in this fiscal year and two months (July and August) in FY15. The increase in Music expenses represents coverage while Doug Hodgkins recovers from surgery. Overall, expenses are expected to rise by \$17,506.42 in FY15. The combination of lower expected income and higher expected expenses will increase our operating loss by \$25,503.49—from an expected loss of \$20,257.95 this year to an anticipated loss of \$45,761.44 in FY15. Jeff cautioned that, given our modest endowment, we cannot sustain such a loss. He noted that Parish Council will work to refine projections over the summer and will make recommendations to the congregation at the annual meeting in September. Those recommendations may include the need for a Supplemental Pledge Drive.

Bruce Weaver asked that everyone be sure to complete this year's pledge by the end of June. He noted that, with the large, undesignated contribution, we should have broken even instead of ending with a loss in the operating fund. Bruce reiterated that we do not have a large endowment fund to offset losses.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on the motion to approve the FY15 Preliminary Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to extend the expiring terms of Officers and Ministry Team members until acceptance of new Officers and Ministry Team members at the annual meeting in September, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 A.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Cotting, Recording Secretary