

# 2018 Annual Congregation Meeting

## Held Sunday, February 18, 2018. (Notes Mark Weerda)

Meeting Outcome: Elect New Church President:

**Motion:** Nominate Lisa Manion for Church President for 2018

Made: Mark Weerda; Second: Christine Anderson; Vote: Carried.

Finances: Lynn reviewed profit and loss statement. We currently pay \$1000 for MIF loan. The breakdown is \$450 on principal and \$550 on interest.

Budget: **Motion:** Include a 3% raise to the pastor's salary in 2018 budget.

Made: Jim O'Connor; Second: Dave Hart; Vote: Carried Budget not able to be approved due missing MIF.

**Motion:** Direct Treasurer to prepare 2018 budget showing including the MIF payments by end q1 2018. This will be distributed to the Congregation for approval at another meeting. Made: Mark Weerda; Second: Jim O'Connor; Vote: Carried

Statement of Welcome:

Statement of Welcome to become a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. **Motion:** Change the word "invited" to "encouraged". Made: Christine Anderson; Second: Lynn Miller; Vote: Carried

**Motion:** Accept statement. Made: Mark Weerda; Second: Linda; Vote: Carried

Ministry Team Reports

**Admin Team:** Admin team presented for approval by the congregation, a list of fees to be charged when organizations rent space in our building. **Motion:** Approve rental fees list. Made: Dave; Second: Mark Weerda; Vote: Carried.

**Worship Team:** Thanked members who help with worship. Encouraged everyone to seek opportunities to volunteer related to worship activities. In past months, Worship Team have added banners and candles. Introduced a few experienced-based activities to worship. Door and prayer stations. Lent creative stations.

Next focus: prayer garden. Not funding through budget. Looking for volunteers to help execute as spring.

**Mission and Outreach Team:**

As follow-up to the Connect Program, members of this team and Pastor Lori have reached-out to the Bay Creek Neighbor-hood Association. We have learned they have submitted a grant request to the city of Madison for a neighborhood needs assess-ment survey. Pastor Lori has provided a statement of support to be included with the grant request. If the grant request is ap-proved, the association has agreed to allow St. Mark's to use the results as input to our planning for outreach. We have agreed to let the association hold meetings at St. Mark's as part of the assessment, if it is approved.

New Business:

**Topic:** Can we change the annual meeting to warmer time of year?

Discussion: Moving of annual meeting is not required, we can address issues and hold all congregation meetings at multi-ple times throughout the year. But budget decisions best align with having our annual meeting in the early part of the church's fis-cal year. Annual meeting can stay on its current schedule. But we can and should hold an all congregation meeting during the warmer months of the year when our snowbirds would be able to attend.

**Action:** Lori and Lisa coordinate having a second all congratulation meeting in the summer months to allow snowbirds to attend.

Closed

The meeting was closed by singing grace as prayer.