



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting July 12, 2015

Opening and Prayer

Pastor Tim opened the meeting in prayer and called the business meeting to order.

Roll Call

- Elders present: Wayne Batten, Andy Brimer, Mark Culton, Dennis Flanagan, Tim Gibson, Swannie Griffin, Kevin Hardy, Jeremy Harkins, Chris Jones, Byron Roth, Shawn Sommons
- Elders absent: Pat Barry, Dick Bickings, Scott Holwick
- Deacons present: Rob Christiansen, Mark Hardy, Kevin Kritzberger, Andy Meeks, Kamba Kalubi, George Hardy
- Deacons absent: Joe Meier, John Romero

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion** was made to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2015 Annual Congregational meeting, seconded and approved.
- Pastor Tim reminded us that these minutes are posted on our church website for review.

Nominating Committee

The members of the nominating committee needed to be approved for renewal so they can continue the important work of vetting potential Deacon and Elder candidates to be sent to the Board of Elders. By secret ballot, the following individuals were all overwhelmingly approved to serve on the committee:

- Tim Gibson
- Wayne Batten
- Chris Jones
- Kevin Kritzberger
- Shelly Penchik
- Donna D'Imperio
- Mark Florentine

Pastoral Reports

Each of the pastors had the opportunity to speak to the congregation about the state of the ministries that they oversee as well as thanking people and praising God.

1) **Pastor of Youth, Mark Culton:**

- Reminded the congregation of the purpose statement of EBFC student ministries: **"to partner with parents as we seek to disciple students for God's glory."**
- Mentoring ministry – status update
- Mexico mission trip was a success
- Continuing ministry in Lynfield:
 - Light In The City
 - Candy Carnival
 - Bethlehem and Beyond
 - 12 week Bible-study Club
- Desire to build synergy as we partner with parents
- Continue to refine Illuminite, teen event at the church on first Fridays

2) **Pastor of Worship Jeremy Harkins:**

- Family - wife Lindsay, son Luke, expecting 2nd child
- Moved from Souderton to Easton
- College Ministry
 - had dinner to kick things off
 - Kinship started July 5
 - 12 students attended
 - Working through Tim Keller's "Reason for God"
- Worship Ministry
 - Goal is to have music taken from the Word of God and enable us to worship Him
 - Focusing on Mentoring and discipling Team members.
 - Growing relationship with team members.
- Simulcast ministry
 - Jason Lee and Kevin Gascho are heading up the project.
 - Currently training operators/volunteers.
 - The tentative plan is to go 'live' on July 19.
 - Use of the 'Over-Flow' room will come at a later date.

3) **Senior Pastor Tim Gibson:**

- Going through Genesis now, will take a break and come back later to the OT characters in Genesis
- Pastor Tim and Dick are leading the new membership class right now
- Pastor Tim reminded us that we need to reach out and be friendly to others, invite people.
- Kinship groups are vital to the health of the church
- Reaching arms to the community - Lynfield, etc...
- Evangelism - Pat Barry is leading this and there are some exciting things coming up this year.

Financial Report [Andy Brimer]

- Income is approximately \$33,000 below budgeted/projected giving.
- Monthly income is 94% of projected; current monthly spending is 94% of budgeted.
- Concrete work to be done at front entrance and west side of the building. Estimated cost is \$17,000, which will be taken from savings. This budget overage was approved at a joint meeting of the Elders and Deacons.
- Andy challenged us to consider if we are giving everything that God desires us to give - financially as well as abilities and service.
- Andy highlighted a couple ways to give - online giving, faith promise, etc.

Prayer & Adjournment-

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Culton
Secretary to the Board of Elders