



EBENEZER
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, July 30, 2017
6:00-7:00 pm

- **Meeting called to order & Opening Prayer** - Wayne Batten

- **Roll Call** (Pastor Dick)
 - **Elders:**
 - **Present:** Pat Barry, Wayne Batten, Dick Bickings, Dennis Flanagan, Swannie Griffin, Kevin Hardy, Jeremy Harkins, Scott Holwick, Chris Jones, Phil Norris, Mike Notary, Byron Roth, Shawn Sommons
 - **Absent:** Tim Gibson (excused)
 - **Deacons:**
 - **Present:** Mark Florentine, Kamba Kalubi, Andy Meeks, Bob Penchick
 - **Absent:** Rob Christiansen (excused), Mark Dammeyer, George Hardy (excused), Mark Hardy (excused), Kevin Kritzberger (excused)

- **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:**
 - Annual Congregational Budget Meeting – January 29, 2017 - Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously
 - Special Congregational Meeting (Youth Pastor meet & vote) - May 14, 2017 - Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously

- **Financial Report & Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Byron Roth & Joe Meier)
 - Byron Roth, Finance Committee Chairman, reviewed Ebenezer's vision and the membership commitment questions.
 - Joe Meier, Treasurer, reviewed the financial numbers thus far
 - Expenses are under budget
 - Income is above budget
 - Income vs expenses, income greater than expenses
 - Building fund down because of lighting project
 - Assets \$1000 difference from last year (6% over budget)
 - Special Projects
 - Lighting completed
 - HVAC completed
 - Staff Salaries
 - Part of annual process, will continue to evaluate
 - Pastor Jeremy salary upgraded

- General comments
 - Praise God
 - Continue in prayer, service and giving
 - How do we impact our community? (Vision drives finances, not vice versa)
- Motion passed to receive financial report (unanimous)
- **Plans for Parsonage** (Byron Roth)
 - Elders decided that selling the parsonage was best option
 - Deacons given the charter to sell with some repair
 - What do we do with the proceeds?
 - What does God want us to do?
 - Vision and prayer drive what we do with the money
- **Care List: Presentation of Care List along with congregational vote to drop non-attending members (non-shut-ins, military, etc.)** (Wayne Batten)
 - Wayne explained that the Care List is a list of our Members who have not been attending recently, and that our responsibility is to strive to restore them to fellowship
 - Wayne explained three categories
 - Moved away (Stickler)
 - Attends another evangelical church (Buehler's, Caban)
 - Absence without reason (remaining)
 - Action, in keeping with our by-laws, is to remove those who have not attended in a year or more from the membership roll (motion made, seconded, passed unanimously)
- **Nominating Committee: Presentation and congregational approval of nominating committee members** (Wayne Batten)
 - Ballots were passed out to vote for Wayne Batten, Donna D'Imperio, Chris Jones, Dennis Flanagan, George Hardy, Shelly Penchick, and Tim Gibson (chairman)
 - Vote passed
- **New Service Time: Vision for new worship times (8:30) beginning September 17** (Dick Bickings)
 - Plan is to change first service from 8:45 to 8:30, add a coffee/fellowship time at 9:45, and keep Sunday School and second service at their current times
 - 8:30 am – First Service
 - 9:45 - 10:05 am – Coffee/Fellowship time in the Serving Room
 - 10:05 - 11:00 am – Sunday School & Adult Electives
 - 11:15 am – Second Service
 - This change is in order to allow enough time to get to Sunday School, and to enable those who attend first service to have fellowship with others in the church

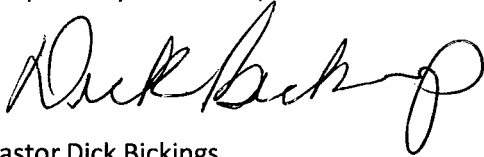
- **Becoming a More Welcoming Church** (Mike Notary)
 - Mike presented Romans 14:15-23
 - Free from diversity (unified in Christ)
 - Free from Judgment (stop playing God)
 - Therefore, we are unified
 - What should we do?
 - Examine our heart
 - Verse 20: “Do not for the sake of food, destroy the work of God”
 - Goal is for each individual to be warm and welcoming to others regardless of their appearance

- **Lynfield Update** (Tom & Shelly Carlstrom)
 - Tom gave update on the ministry
 - Tom thanked all those involved
 - Shelly shared: VBS, June 26-30, 4/day, 20 teens/adult helpers for 50+ children
 - Life on Life, great relational time
 - Gave out 2-½ boxes of bibles
 - Some decisions for Christ

- **Young Adult Beach Trip** (Shawn Sommons)
 - There is still space available for the YACS Beach Trip to Ocean Grove, so it is now being open to everyone as an All-Church event. (August 18-20, 2017)
 - Ian Thompson has stepped down from YACS Leadership and Andrew Buttillo joined the leadership team in his stead.

- **Closed in Prayer** - Pastor Dick Bickings

Respectfully Submitted,



Pastor Dick Bickings,
Secretary