



EBENEZER
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, August 11, 2019 6:30-6:45 pm

Meeting called to order & Opening Prayer - Pastor Tim Gibson

Roll Call (Pastor Dick)

- **Elders:**
 - **Present:** Dick Bickings, Dennis Flanagan, Tim Gibson, Swannie Griffin, Bob Gill, Kevin Hardy, Jeremy Harkins, Scott Holwick, Chris Jones, Phil Norris, Mike Notary, Byron Roth
 - **Absent:** Tom Galloway (excused)
- **Deacons:**
 - **Present:** Rob Christensen, Mark Florentine, George Hardy, Mark Hardy, Blake Kuntz, Dan Lichtenwalner, Andy Meeks
 - **Absent:** Kamba Kalubi, Kevin Kritzerberger, Gary Walleisa (excused)

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

- Annual Congregational Meeting – January 27, 2019 - Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously

Financial Report & Prayer of Thanksgiving (Byron Roth/Joe Meier)

- Byron gave a favorable report for the finances and thanked God for his provisions.
 - Praise God for His provision
 - Continued discipline in spending
 - Encouragement to continue to give as the Lord leads
- Update:
 - Income: 102% of budget
 - Spending: 96% of budget
 - Assets: \$937,000 (including the sale of the parsonage).
 - Projects completed: Foyer & Parking Lot reseal
 - Prayerfully considering how to spend the parsonage fund
- Other items:
 - Thank you to Dale & Gail Tshudy as they step down, for their faithfulness in serving on the finance and audit committees.
 - Finance Policy will be updated soon.

BFC Update (Tim Gibson)

- Pastor Tim gave an update on a new addition to BPL Article 103-5, Divorce, Article 105-5.3 allowing divorce following the abandonment by an unbelieving spouse.
- Pastor Tim explained about a petition sent to the BFC Conference of Churches favoring Expository Preaching as the primary form of preaching.

Nominating Committee:

- Committee members:
 - Tim Gibson
 - Shelley Penchick
 - Mark Florentine
 - Donna D'Imperio
 - Wayne Batten
 - Chris Jones
 - George Hardy
- Motion made to approve these members, was seconded, and passed unanimously.

BFC Articles of Faith Update Process (Dick Bickings):

- Explanation was given regarding the process that is necessary to follow in order for the conference of BFC churches to approve any changes in the Articles of Faith.
- This process can take anywhere from 3-5 years to complete.

EBFC Care List (Tim Gibson):

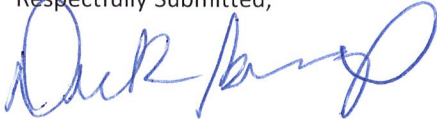
- Pastor Tim once again explained the purpose of this list of Members who have not been attending for 3 months or more.
- Members were encouraged to contact the people on the list and encourage them to come back.

Event Sign-ups & EBFC Church App Update (Dick Bickings):

- Pastor Dick explained that because of the changes in the foyer (bulletin board was removed), events which had been available for paper sign up, are now online for electronic sign up. There is also the "Connection Card" at the Welcome Center and in the pews for those who would rather sign up by paper.
- Pastor Dick explained that the Android version of the EBFC Mobile App should be available sometime in September.

Closed in Prayer (Tim Gibson)

Respectfully Submitted,



Pastor Dick Bickings,
Secretary to the Board of Elders