

Congregational Meeting

August 18, 2024 – 10:52AM

President Shannon Morrison opened the meeting with prayer. Meeting agenda was presented.

- Reminders
- Candidates
- Proposed Budget
- Vote
- Closing Prayer and Doxology

A slide with the BSLC Mission Statement and Vision Statement were displayed for the congregation's consideration.

Candidates for Elder Board Presented

- Returning Candidates
 - Bob Hinze
 - Michael Sheets
 - Chuck Tomac
- New Candidates
 - Guy Bales
 - Steve Mysinger
 - Jerry Unruh

Directors board candidates, nominated, vetted, agreed to be nominated

- President (returning) – Shannon Morrison
- Financial Secretary (returning) – Pete Sturdivan
- Recording Secretary (vote for one)
 - Tani Helfrich
 - Johlene Jacobi
 - Jennifer Bales
- Members at Large, vote for only two
 - Clayton Murphy
 - Deborah Hancox
 - Mike Leonard
 - Gail Erskine
 - Erik Crowley
 - Jessie Miller
 - Sherry Purkeypile
- No questions from congregation

Financial Secretary Pete Sturdivan Budget Presentation

- High level explanation of BSLC balance sheet, ie assets, cash balance, reserves and restricted assets, debt position.
- Income/Revenue
 - Over the past 5 years, offerings and total revenue are up, as are expenses due to BSLC decision to be “future focused”. We have no long term debt which is a big positive.
 - Projected total revenue in FY 2025 expected to be \$720k, only slightly higher than actual FY 2024 revenue.
- Expenses
 - Projected total expenses in 2025 expected to be \$774k, approximately \$67k higher than actual 2024 expenses, primarily due to the rising cost of health insurance and employee benefits, along with inflationary impacts on the cost of utilities, building maintenance/repairs, and property insurance.
 - Congregational member Kathy DiGregorio asked about the budgeted amount for Stephens Ministry. The proposed budget includes \$250 for Stephens Ministry and not their requested \$500. The Director’s Board agreed to amend the proposed budget as requested.
- Summary – Proposed 2025 budget reflects projected \$720k income, projected \$774k expense, for \$54k deficit.

Congregation instructed how to place their votes via physical ballot, online, or via text. There were 85 in-person attendees and 7 online voting members.

- Congregation was reminded that their vote on the proposed budget will be as amended, ie budget will include the updated amount of \$500 for Stephens Ministry.
- Ballots (physical and electronic) tallied with the following results:
 - President – Shannon Morrison
 - Financial Secretary – Pete Sturdivan
 - Recording Secretary – Johlene Jacobi
 - Member at Large – Mike Leonard
 - Member at Large – Gail Erskine
 - Elder – Guy Bales
 - Elder – Steve Mysinger
 - Elder – Jerry Unruh
 - Elder – Bob Hinze
 - Elder – Mike Sheets
 - Elder _ Chuck Tomac
 - FY 2025 Proposed Budget as Amended – APPROVED (not unanimous)

Financial Secretary Pete Sturdivan made a motion to adjourn the congregational meeting at 12:00pm. Seconded by Tom Hester.

President Shannon Morrison closed the meeting in prayer.