

237th Congregational Meeting Agenda

Federated Church of West Lafayette

Meeting to be held in Sanctuary for streaming purposes

March 28, 2021 @11:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 236TH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

***Trimmer Hall Upgrade

***Financial Secretary Position

***Slate of Officers

***Pre-school fundraiser

***Budget for 2021 was approved with no dissension or abstentions votes

***Organ Repair/Replace

***Pastoral Search Committee

NEW BUSINESS

***Nominating Committee for President Elect and Christian Ed positions – “job posting”

***“Information Highway” – Sharing of information about what current goals are being worked on at Federated. The purpose of which is to continue to increase information flow, access, and two way communication.

All Board Meeting Minutes are being loaded to the Federated Website and put in the newsletter. If you or someone you know without computer access would like a copy of those notes, please email me at lrbivlsw@hotmail.com or call 765-418-3859. I will contact those individuals to see how best to get them the information they are requesting.

***Other questions or concerns from the congregation

CLOSING PRAYER

AJOURN MEETING

NEXT MEETING: TENTATIVELY JUNE 27, 2021 AFTER MORNING SERVICE.

236th Congregational Meeting Minutes
Federated Church of West Lafayette
Meeting held in the Sanctuary
February 14, 2021

Call to Order: The Congregational meeting was called to order by president-elect Lynnette Biviano. Interim pastor Dusty Cowell provided the opening prayer.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the 235th meeting held on October 4, 2020 were approved as written.

Old business:

- The remodel of Trimmer hall and Narthax is proceeding. The fabric for the panels in Trimmer Hall will be put up soon. Thank you to all who have been involved in the project.
- Financial secretary: The position is on hold for now.
- Youth and Young Adult position: The position is on hold for at least 6 months.
- Treasurer's report (see attached): Treasurer Diane Byrd stated that we had a \$950.00 surplus for 2020. This resulted due to Pastor John leaving and the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan of \$54,000.00 being forgiven.
 - Stewardship campaign: We have had 36 recurring pledges and 21 new pledges.
 - The 2021 proposed budget has a \$32,500.00 deficit.
 - We will apply for another PPP loan.
 - Diane wanted to thank Orlo for his tireless work as treasurer for the past several years.
- Slate of officers (see attached): Lynnette said all positions on the ballot are filled with the exception of three vacancies on the Christian Education board and the president-elect position. We plan to have our next Congregational meeting March 21, and hopefully the president-elect position will be filled by then. There was a motion to approve the slate of officers. There was a 2nd and the motion was approved (people will be allowed to vote online and votes will be accepted after the meeting).
- Lynnette shared that we need to begin to look critically at what we do and see what changes we need to make. The Marketing and Media team is working to improve the website. We are working to reach those in the congregation without computers. We are also working to improve communication through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Annual Report (see attached):
 - Dusty stated that he is delighted to be here. He is delighted with the staff. He will be putting on his leadership hat to see what improvements can be made.
 - Gerald Thomas (outgoing president) provided a report (see attached).
 - Please read all the reports that are attached.

- Preschool: Susan Thomas reported that they have had a good response on applications for the 2021 school year. They are conducting a fund raiser with Beef House rolls, strawberry jam and apple butter.
- Proposed budget (see attached): a motion was made to accept the proposed budget and there was a 2nd the motion carried. Online and mail in votes will be accepted.

New Business:

- Organ (see attached): The church organ is broken. There is a document where people can vote on one of three options about what to do. Votes are due by March 7, 2021. Gary Tyner shared that the electronic organ would sound like the current organ and we would not be able to tell the difference. Additionally, eventually the electronic organ could play the pipes if we wanted.
- Pastoral search committee: Barb Tyner shared that the committee has been meeting weekly since September. They have been guided by representatives from the two denominations. The committee is working on the profile. This document will be used to share Federated Church with prospective applicants. Barb asked that if people have questions they can reach out to any member of the committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting March 21, 2021

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