

Village Church of Barrington
Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of November 17, 2013

Meeting was opened by Chairman Bruce Rhodes at 6:05 PM.
A Quorum was achieved.
Minutes from the September 15, 2013 Congregational Meeting approved.

New Members – Mark Trimeloni

The following people are being recommended by the board for membership:

Barbara Helms	Laura Lane	Julia LeBlanc
David Helms	Peter LeBlanc	Dawn Taylor

MOTION: To approve the above for membership. Seconded and carried.

Election of Elders, Deacons & Officers – Greg Kist

The following have been nominated and recommended for positions on the Elder/Deacon Board:

Elder: David Fuller*	Bruce Rhodes*	Anthony Tako	Max Kittle
Deacon: Dan Chidlow* – Benevolence	Byron Smythe – Children & Family Ministries		
Officer: David Cartwright* - Treasurer	Carol Van der Woude – Clerk		

MOTION: To approve the above for the respective positions. Seconded and carried.

Financial Report – David Cartwright

1) October financial statements

VCB is \$9,240 off budget YTD October due to contributions being below budget \$15,216 for the same time period. However, the first weekend in November brought us back on track. Expenses are below budget by \$4,067.

2) Capin Crouse Audit for 2012-2013

Capin Crouse audited the financial statements of VCB for January 2012 through June 2013, and issued a clean, unqualified opinion. There was only one unexpected adjustment, \$30,852 for architectural fees because when these amounts were paid we weren't reasonably sure the building project would go forward. Now that it looks like it will, accounting rules require us to capitalize these costs. This was a pick up for our books.

The remaining adjustments were necessary to bring our books to full accrual, GAAP basis accounting, and were expected. The format and amounts presented in the audited statements are significantly different that our income statement we use internally. If anyone has any question on this, Dave would be happy to explain it to them.

Capin had only one recommendation to refine the controls over the cash collection/counting process.

This audit should give VCB members and regular attenders' confidence in the financial reporting of the church, and in the financial controls.

Also, the Board approved three key policies over the last three years or so that have also strengthened internal controls and compliance with IRS rules. Copies of the audit are available--please see Dick.

2012 Strategic Plan Renovation Goals – Bruce Rhodes/Todd Berge

- 1) Renovate the building in order to make it more welcoming for newcomers. Remodel the bathrooms and the nursery on the children's level. Renovate classrooms that need it and replace worn out equipment.
- 2) Improve path from the parking lot to the worship center.
- 3) Create a better space for fellowship.
- 4) Improve security in the children's ministry area.
- 5) Create a master plan for maximizing usage.

Project Cost Overview:

Description	Cost	
Add 6,488 sq ft space at SW corner to be used for Children's Ministries, Young Adult Ministries, and Adult education	\$973,200	28.5%
Add 2,486 sq ft space at NE corner to allow better traffic flow and space for mixing	\$569,200	16.6%
Site Work / Professional Services / Fees	\$519,984	15.2%
Renovate 19,496 sq ft of existing offices, bathrooms, & children's area	\$666,115	19.5%
Other Projects & Furnishings	\$350,188	10.2%
Contingency	\$340,743	10%

Total Estimated Cost - \$3,419,404

Item #4 is a facelift of existing space that can be done without a permit and with in-house workmen, although professionals would be hired if skill set is not available. We should want to keep a professional standard of work. Board approval for funding is the next step in the portion of the project.

Senior Pastor Report – David Jones

- ▶ David thanked the elders and officers who have served on the board and stepping down.
- ▶ VCB has averaged 821 since Labor Day weekend with 874 on the previous 2 weekends. Saturday Night average is 281, up 16% from last year. The Sunday Video Venue is averaging 95, up from 65 a year ago. Children's Ministries has been flat from PY. The growth has been largely transfer growth. Our desire is to see more people come to faith in Christ.
- ▶ Giving is slightly ahead of last year (+2%), but has not kept pace with the growth we are experiencing. If we have surplus funds at year-end, the plans would be to put it towards the building project.
- ▶ Church planting is in the second of four phases which is preaching. The launch team is firming up for The Bridge. Todd Berge has been holding monthly vision meetings with between 50 and 75 people in attendance. These will shift from monthly to bi-monthly in 2014.
- ▶ Global Impact – Our involvement in Turkey could one of the three possibilities:
 - 1) Support the Bultemas as missionaries
 - 2) Partner with the Bultemas financially in a new building
 - 3) Send short term work teams to serve.
- ▶ Preaching schedule – The Hot Topics series will be concluding soon followed by a 4 week series on the incarnation of Jesus. Dr. Constantine Campbell will preach at the end of December. Dr. Campbell has recently relocated from Australia and is a professor at TEDS. He and his family will be making VCB their church home. Beginning in January, we will begin a series on 1 John titled "Blessed Assurance: Studies in 1 John.
- ▶ Same Sex Marriage – In light of the recent bill passed by the legislature, the elders will be tightening up the wording and clarify our policy.

Pastor Report – John Vosnos

Pastor John read the following prepared statement:

Resignation of John Vosnos

First, I want to express my gratitude to so many of you for the opportunity to serve as a pastor, a shepherd, your servant here in the Village Church of Barrington for more than 15 years. You represent important friendships, spiritual relationships and partnership in ministry for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In those ministry partnerships, we've worked together to establish and sustain some very vital ministries that have contributed to the life and vitality of our church. Together we established a strong and growing HSG ministry, a very effective intentional adult Christian education program called Lifelong Learning and Equipping, a manly and multi-faceted IronMen Men's Ministry, as well as men's and women's discipleship processes. We have worked together to cultivate a five-dimensional Compassion Ministries Team featuring Benevolence Funding, Care Ministry, and Heritage Financial plus two additional ministries I was privileged to bring to this church, Love, INC and Stephen Ministries, all of which have been led and developed by really competent and caring personnel. In addition, it's been good to work with you to bring a ministry of Marriage Encouragement and Support, to see our library and resource center renovated and revitalized, and to launch Christian Advocacy Now, the ministry of prayer and advocacy for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. More than all of these formal ministries, I've had the chance to come alongside so many of you as you struggled with life's challenges and losses, wrestled with important questions, and sought to cultivate spiritual disciplines which would contribute to life transformation. You've given me opportunities to teach God's Word to you and you have responded generously with affirmations and love. Thank you so much!

However, there are times in our journey and service within God's Kingdom, where He allows situations and circumstances, even negative ones, to redirect our gifts and efforts. Gayle and I have arrived at such a juncture. The time has come for us to say goodbye to all of you, and, as part of the Interim Pastor Ministries nationally, to take the opportunity to bring our gifts and passion to churches in transition, some of which will be going through particularly difficult times-churches in need of compassion, healing, and renewed vision, churches that will both need and appreciate what we have to offer. It will be our privilege to work with them to this end that we and they may be to the praise of God's glory. We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, a most blessed Christmas season, and a joyous and productive New Year. Please keep us in your hearts and prayers as we go from here by God's grace.

MOTION: To adjourn, seconded and carried.

Meeting ended at 7:10 PM.

Time of Congregational Prayer