

Congregational Meeting on February 22, 2015

Chairman Bruce Rhodes opened the meeting at 12:35 p.m. with prayer. A quorum was in attendance.

The minutes from the November congregational meeting were accepted.

Financial Report – David Cartwright

An Income Statement and Funds Account Summary for periods ending January 31, 2015 was available as a handout. We have an expected and small decrease in tithes. A portion of our membership is now attending The Bridge, our church plant. Currently we are operating slightly under budget. Our building fund balance is growing.

VCB has received ECFA accreditation. The purpose of accreditation is to promote trust. A Bible verse explains the intent: *For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men. 2 Cor. 8:21.*

Accreditation is based on 7 standards of responsible stewardship:

1. Doctrine
2. Governance
3. Financial Oversight
4. Use of Resources and Compliance with Laws
5. Transparency
6. Compensation Setting and Related Party Transactions
7. Stewardship of Charitable Gifts

New Members – Carol Van Der Woude

MOTION was made by the board to accept the following persons into membership:

Barbara and Nick Cokkinias
Janis Cole

Mary and Dennis Heiner

The motion was seconded and the proposed members were accepted by voice vote.

Stephen Ministry Dedication – Julie Fischer

Seven prospective Stephen ministers have completed fifty hours of training. They are being commissioned today to work with people within the church or community. A Stephen minister meets with a person going through a difficult time or facing a life crisis on a weekly basis. The following were presented for commissioning:

Theresa Cartwright
Ann Mika
Steve Harbaugh
Bob Holder

Robin Holder
Lois Sloan
Tim Thompson

Senior Pastor Report – David Jones

Our average attendance is currently 759, just 4% down from last year. If we take in account the people attending The Bridge we can see growth.

The budget team is already meeting and working on the 2015-16 budget.

The small group ministry is an area of focused attention. We hope to have an increasing number of church attendees participating in the home small group ministry.

The building team has been meeting to review and revise plans. Last summer Bob Schroeder came on staff; he has considerable experience with construction and building projects. We have found some needs that were not addressed in the original plan, which means the cost is likely to increase. The team is looking at ways to refine the building project to meet the needs that have been identified. We hope to have a capital campaign sometime in the next few months.

A Safe Church Policy is being developed. The goal is to provide a safe environment for both children and adults.

Next year we plan to have two church plant residents. The network of churches working together to establish church plants is encouraging.

The Israel study tour is planned for May 22 to June 4 in 2016. The projected cost is \$3,999 per person.

Constitution Revision Update – Bruce Rhodes

The draft of the constitution revision has been on the church website since last November. Feedback is welcome. The plan is to schedule meetings to discuss the proposed changes and vote on it at the May congregational meeting.

Prayer is requested for the following:

Strategic and Budget Planning

Staff and Ministry Leaders

Plans for the Building

The Bridge

Welcoming Newcomers

Making Disciples

Rod Elliot offered a closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.