

Village Church of Barrington
Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of November 20, 2011

Meeting was opened by Chairman David Norbeck at 6:03 PM with a time of small group prayer.

A Quorum was achieved.

Minutes from congregational meeting of September 18, 2011 were read and approved.

Motion: The minutes from our previous meeting will be posted on our member's page on our web site for review and not read at the congregational meeting. A copy will also be available in the library.
Motion seconded and carried.

New Members – Mark Trimeloni

4 individuals have applied for membership and have been interviewed by members of the board.

Motion: to approve the following for membership:

Bill Leahy Luke Corning
Dana Leahy Elissa Corning

Motion was seconded and carried. All were then prayed for by the elders.

Nominating Committee Report – Dan Chidlow

Committee members are: David Appleby David Jones Tricia Kist
 LuAnn Lane JulieAnn Thomason

3 positions are to be filled – 1 elder position, 2 board positions (Treasurer & Young Adult/Communications)

Nominated are: Mr. Todd Berge – Elder
 Mr. David Cartwright – Treasurer
 Mr. Nathan Habeck - Young Adult/Communications

Motion: to call the above candidates. Seconded and carried.

Pastor Jones thanked those stepping off the board for their service to the church.

Senior Pastor Report – Dave Jones:

► *Attendance:* There is a buzz about VCB in the area. Newcomers are trying us out through word of mouth. Overall attendance is up slightly over last fall (2.4%); Children's Ministry is up 8% over last year which indicates we are starting to reach young families. Departures have stabilized and visitors numbers are strong. David is also hearing from the newcomers that VCB is a friendly church. This is a reminder that assimilation is the responsibility of everyone. Please continue to be welcoming.

► *Finances:* Some general observations. We are about \$11K behind budget (0.9%) but in a better position than last year. Giving is up 3.2% year over year and we've been averaging 2 new givers per week. The Mini-Capital Campaign has raised \$81K in gifts and pledges, covering everything needed in the gym and 1/3 of what is needed in the sanctuary. All gifts and pledges are due December 31, 2011.

► *Children & Family Ministry Director Search Update:* 73 resumes processed to date with about a dozen invited to apply for the position. 5 have been interviewed with a second round coming soon. The team believes a candidate could be presented in January or February. Special thanks to Jennifer Burns who has been doing a great job serving as interim director.

► *Saturday Night Service:* At launch 218 attended with 178 last night (11/19/2011). Average is 165 with lots of new faces. Todd and Jeanne Berge have been hosting a get together at their home after the service.

► *The Gathering:* To be suspended after 11/27. A steady decline seen since Saturday service began.

► *Membership Drive:* Next membership class will be January 13 & 14, 2012. More than 300 people consider VCB their church home but are not members. Encourage those folks to attend and become members.

► *Church Planting*: The impact of Bob Vajko on our ideas are 1) we are not simply looking to plant a church but rather a church that will plant other churches; and 2) we don't see why we should wait for an artificial number before planting. So we are laying the ground work now. It will take about 12 to 18 months to put things into place, and then bring in the prospective church planter on staff for a year for planning and preparation. Potential plant date would be Fall 2013 or Easter 2014. Pray that the Lord will lead us to a community that needs a good evangelical church; and that He would bring together the planter, the core group, finances, etc. All of this is being done to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). More people are saved in new churches than established ones.

Financial Update – Dick Ehrle:

Through 10/31/11, Total Income was down 1.3% to Budget (\$15,872).

	Actual 2011	Actual 2010	2011 9 month Budget
Total Income & Activity Revenue	\$1,236,633	\$1,201,726	\$1,252,505
Total Expenses	\$1,366,553	\$1,306,314	\$1,358,083
Total Operating Income (Loss)	\$(129,920)	\$(104,588)	\$(105,578)

Cash Position – Art Barrett – VCB has about \$87K in the General Fund, down \$211K from 1/1/2011. Finance Team has been 1) strengthening the Capital Reserve Fund to pay for any replacement that arises, and 2) paying all Capital Expenses in cash! The General Fund balance is still slightly higher than 6 years ago. The Church has no debt and therefore can operate at a lower cash position than in the past.

Tithe & Offering Income (through 11/13/2011) is +3.2% from 2010 (\$37,735). E-giving comprises 24% of all giving (versus 19% in 2010). Saturday night giving is \$24,593 to date.

Capital Campaign – \$81,044 dollars received to date in gifts and pledges with \$52,050 pledges received. \$15,623 spent so far. \$70K will be spent in the gym and \$30K in the sanctuary. Improvements in the sanctuary include: 1) A line array speaker system, 2) a digital processing system, 3) a digital sound board and 4) new cabling.

2012 Budget Planning Schedule presented.

Time for questions followed.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved.

Meeting ended at 7:05 PM.