

Village Church of Barrington
Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of May 20, 2012

Meeting opened by Chairman David Norbeck at 12:40 PM. Pastor David Jones opened the meeting with prayer. A Quorum was achieved.

Minutes from congregational meeting of February 5, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Senior Pastor Report – Dave Jones:

- ▶ *Attendance:* So far, in 2012 VCB has averaged 703, up 15.7% from 2011. If this trend continues, 2012 will surpass 2005 as the high water mark for our church's growth. Easter service attendance was 1096, up 154 from Easter 2011 and 304 from Easter 2010. Children's Ministry is averaging 109 children, up 25.6% from 2011. New Children and Family Ministry Director Jennifer Burns is doing an amazing job! Saturday Night Service is averaging 200.4 in 2012 after averaging 168.5 in the fall of 2011.
- ▶ *Vision & Strategic Plan:* The elders have completed a vision and 5 year Strategic Plan, which has been rolled out to the pastors, deacons and ministry leaders. Much feedback was received for ways to improve and those are being incorporated now. Chairman Norbeck will present to the congregation this summer in the Equipping Center. There is much excitement to have a clear sense of direction and purpose.
- ▶ *Church Planting:* Foundation continues to be laid. Plan is to bring Todd Berge on staff in fall of 2013 for a 6 to 8 month residency while he builds his team. About 50 people have expressed interest in helping Todd get the new church off the ground. Algonquin is the target area. Bob Page of Crystal Lake EFC is willing to let Todd cast his vision there to see if anyone may want to join him! Please pray as the foundation is laid for this work.
- ▶ *Global Impact:* The Global Impact team is looking at the possibility of adopting an unengaged, unreached people group in the "10/40" window. There are many ethnic groups with little or no Christian witness. The approach would be holistic – translating the Bible, planting a church and providing humanitarian relief. We are currently praying for the Lord to show us the people. As a way to prepare our hearts, we are looking into the feasibility of offering a course called "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement".
- ▶ *Preaching:* 4 messages remain in the book of Ecclesiastes. Pastor Jones will be out of the pulpit in July preparing for the upcoming year and vacationing. The elders have approved preaching on the Book of Acts beginning in the fall. This will have 30 messages running from Labor Day to June 2013 (with breaks around Christmas and Easter). This topic will be strategic for our vision, particularly when it comes to missions and church planting.
- ▶ *Israel Trip:* In the future, we'd like to plan another trip following Paul's missionary journeys.

New Members – Mark Trimeloni

The following people have been recommended by the board for membership at VCB:

John Alimi	Bill Hoffman
Millie Alvarez	Becky Howell
Mario Alvarez	Carol Jenkins
Donald Arceri	Gedi Jomantas
Justin Brennan	Deborah Kennicott
Angela Brennan	Ann Mika
Stefanie Caterer	Richard Mika
Mary Ellen Coelen	John Smith
Rick Coelen	Pam Smith
Timothy Dittmer	Antje Starbird
Katie Dittmer	Zackary Starbird
Daniel Drudge	Yasuko Yamamoto
Gina Hoffman	

Motion seconded and carried. Elders prayed for all in attendance.

Commissioning of Stephen Minister – Julie Fischer

Fran Jerome completed her training and was commissioned as a Stephen Minister. Elders prayed for Fran.

Constitutional Change Motion – Dave Norbeck

Motion is made by the board to change the constitution as follows:

Section VII – Church Business number 3

- Existing:** “3. The fiscal year of the church shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

The proposed change is:

- “3. The fiscal year will be determined by the Church Board. Terms of office shall begin January 1st.

Motion seconded and discussion ensued. Motion passed.

Nominating Team – Dave Norbeck

This year’s team consists of the following people:

Elder: David Jones **Deacon:** Chuck Gilly

Members: Bill Borchert Judy Bruce Clara Lutz Kristy Habeck

Nominations are for the following positions:

Elders: Mark Sauer, Phil Stutz and Randy Cobler

Deacons: Adult Ministry Deacon, Children & Family Ministry Deacon – Anthony Tako;

Local Impact/Assimilation Deacon – Greg Kist

Officers: Clerk – Mark Trimeloni; Financial Secretary

Financial Update – Dick Ehrle

▶ As of 4/30/2012, Tithe & Offering Income is up 4.9%. Total is \$504,006 versus \$479,251 in 2011. This is \$1586 below the calendarized budget.

▶ General Fund Cash Balance is \$227,215. On 12/31/2011, General Fund balance was \$188,831.

Church Audit Report – David Cartwright

- Full audit in conjunction with turnover in Treasurer position
- Board approved audit team to select firm
 - Jim Adkins Kathy Houde
 - Dave Bunge Joel Thomason Dave Cartwright, Chair
- RFP’s sent to three firms based on their experience, references & perceived fit

Capin Crouse Selected

- Firm focused on serving the Christian community—churches, Christian colleges/universities, and Christian ministries
- Experience working with several local churches (including Harvest, Orchard, Willow)
- Excellent references
- Extra services—free conferences, comparison database, resource for questions
- Audit Partner made a great impression on Dick E., Jane Shourd and Dave C.
- Lowest cost (by a little)
- Met our desired timeframe (ready by May Congregation meeting)

Future Audits

- Audit team also recommended, and Board approved, three year engagement with Capin Crouse
- Rationale
 - Church is reaching size and complexity where annual audits becoming strongly desirable
 - Provides greater transparency and assurance to Congregation and visitors
 - Resource to Church leadership on financial and tax compliance matters

Results of the 2011 Audit

- Unqualified “clean” opinion
- Full audit, with review of internal controls & financial reporting processes
- Some audit adjustments were necessary to comply with accounting standards (GAAP), but were expected
- Several good suggestions were provided to Leadership in ways to improve controls, tax compliance and financial reporting
- Capin Crouse Partner reviewed findings and statements with VCB Board

Reconciliation of Reported to Audited Financials

Change in General Fund VCB.....	(\$109,559)
Designated Funds.....	(\$ 10,239)
Restricted Funds.....	\$ 7,969
Fixed Asset Entries (net) –conform with GAAP.....	<u>\$ 12,244</u>
Statement of Activities (audit)	\$(99,585)

Audit Available

- Selected pages of audit copied and available at this meeting
- Full copies of the audited statements are available upon request—please contact Dick
- Will be posted on the Church website when possible

Prayer for the Israel Team – Dave Norbeck & Pastor Jones

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried.

Meeting ended at 1:27 PM.