

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 15, 2018 (after church)

Quorum established

Denny Crutcher called the meeting to order and opened with prayer

1. Voting in of new members (unanimously):

- Gary and Holly Johns
- Ric and Christina Trissell

2. Mortgage Buy-down

- Art explained about the general fund surplus.
- Current mortgage (\$338,207 as of April 2) would be paid off in eight years, however if we pay \$125,000 extra onto the principal from the surplus, we would pay off the mortgage in less than five years (January, 2023). Interest savings of about \$41,000.
- Brief discussion and questions followed.
- Motion was made by Ashley Gase to make an additional \$125,000 one-time payment from the general fund surplus to reduce the mortgage. Pastor Joe seconded. Motion passed.

3. Church plant fund

- Council proposes a 1% tithe to give to Covenant church plants, ex. two church plants in Louisville and elsewhere.
- Brief discussion and questions followed.
- Motion to establish a 1% monthly tithe to Covenant church plants, distribution to be controlled by Council with a preference to local congregations – Charlie Garrison made the motion. Pastor Joe seconded. Motion passed.

4. Concealed Carry Update

- Our church does not allow conceal and carry. This decision by Council has come after much discussion within Council and with feedback from many members of the congregation.
- Questions were asked and addressed by Pastor Joe and members of the Council. Members of the congregation spoke in favor and in opposition to the decision.
- Jim Jacobs presented the duties of the Security Team and what security measures are currently in place.
- Possibility of hiring security guards was also brought. This is something Council will look in to, but there are cost and insurance ramifications to consider.
- Pastor Joe explained that there is not a congregational vote since no policy or by-law was being changed.

Meeting was closed in prayer.

Submitted by
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