

SHLC 2017 Annual Congregation Meeting Minutes (as revised) – January 29, 2017

Devotional/Opening Prayer – Pastor John LaMunyon

Chili Cook-Off Results

Three category winners: most creative = “Maximum Chili & Cheese” (Andy Tischaefter); spiciest = “Hot Warning Chili” (Zeke Zercher); finally, best overall contender runner ups were “All Meat and No Beans” (Ed Zercher) and “Grandpa Got Run Over by a Reindeer” (Nicole Kurz) with best overall chili going to Jeff Baker.

Call to Order – Council President Cam Barsness called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Agenda – moved and seconded to approve the agenda of the 2017 Annual Congregation Meeting as submitted, passed unanimously.

Minutes – moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the June, 5 2016 Mid-Year Congregation Meeting, passed unanimously.

President’s Report – Cam Barsness

- TAG Healthy Church Inventory Summary – received responses from about half regular SHLC members. As a foundation to understand the survey results pay attention to the definitions. Top 5 strengths are mentioned as well as current weaknesses. Lots of detail in the results packet, please pick up a copy. The fact that responses by leaders of all types in the Congregation closely matched the responses of regular attendees is a good sign. Next steps, discuss the survey results in smaller focus groups, open to all over coming months.

Lead Pastor’s Report – Pastor John LaMunyon

- As of June 1, Pastor John celebrates 15 years with SHLC (thank you Pr. John).
- Looking to the future, consider:
 - How do we move ever more deeply into the identity of disciples of Jesus Christ?
 - How can we pass our faith to the next generation?
 - Our city is growing, how are we going to welcome our new neighbors?
- Q&A with the congregation:
 - Comment, for the health of all, need to fill our open SHLC positions, worship directors etc.

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Eric Hanson

- Pastor Eric celebrates nearly 4.5 years with SHLC (thank you Pr. Eric).
- From a Faith formation perspective Confirmation Sunday is one of the best days of the year. It also often precedes a time of change for busy students and their parents, challenged to prioritize time for fellowship and group worship on an ongoing basis.
- Packets of information about Faith Formation are available. Please pick up a copy from the church office or see Pr. Eric for questions.

Treasurer’s Report – Abbey Abekah

- SHLC is the 3rd Church Abbey has been a Treasurer for (thank you for your service Abbey!)
- Overall, SHLC church finances are healthy; we’re in a good position with some challenges.
- Motion to approve 2017 Spending Guide as presented, moved and seconded, passed unanimously.

Bank Line of credit

- Has not been used to date, thankfully. Established for use in an emergency.
- Motion to renew the line of credit for 2017, moved and seconded, passed unanimously.

Other Business

- Moved and seconded to elect Abbey to an additional two-year term as a Council member, passed unanimously.
- No other new topics were raised.

Election of Council Members

- Two Council member slots are opening up. No candidates were presented at the January meeting.
- All, please recommend candidates.

Good of the Order

Adjournment – at 7:34 it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting, passed unanimously.

Lord's Prayer – Pastor Eric Hanson