

Westwood Church Congregational Business Meeting

Sunday, October 23, 2022 @ 12 pm

Minutes: Amy Dobson, Secretary

1. Welcome and Prayer – Bob Gammer, Moderator
2. Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2022; May 29, 2022
No changes, or amendments.
Motion to approve the minutes – **seconded and carried.**
3. Elder Affirmation
 - a. **Motion:** The Board of Elders recommends to the congregation that Lisa Sukkau be affirmed as an elder for a three-year term.

Seconded.

Discussion:

- Lisa left the meeting room prior to discussion.
- Question about access to Lisa sharing her testimony, is that available to hear? Yes, please see the September 11 service recording.

A vote was held by secret ballot with the requirement for affirmation at 75% of members present voting in favour.

Approved: The results were that the threshold was met and Lisa Sukkau is affirmed as an elder.

- b. **Motion:** Destroy the ballots. **Seconded and carried.**
4. Financial Update – Rob Larson, Finance Team Co-Chair
 - a. Where budget sits now – weekly giving to the end of the third quarter is below budget.
 - i. 30% of our giving comes in the last quarter of the year.
 - b. Giving Trends.
5. Youth Ministry Update – Pastor Craig Reimer
 - a. Thank you to current leaders.
 - b. Youth Ministry.
 - i. caring environment
 - ii. curriculum – gShade
 1. Needs – Requests parents to help, Sr. Youth – male leaders, Jr. Youth – female leaders.

2. Pray for us as leaders.

- c. **Elders Recommendation:** To begin a search for a Youth Pastor. **Moved and seconded.**

Discussion:

- i. Full or part time role? Fill position the sooner the better. Needed as current staff are carrying full loads now. Many upcoming students from Children's Ministry will soon be in Youth program.

Motion carried.

- d. **Elders Recommendation:** To form a Youth Pastor Search Committee. Motion amended to add Youth Pastor Search Committee member names: To form a Youth Pastor Search Committee of Westwood Church with a keen investment in youth ministry with a team consisting of:

1. David Claus
2. Steve Chase
3. Amy Dobson
4. Rachel Hennig
5. Dorianna Hoekstra
6. Pastor Rob Dyck

Moved, Seconded.

Discussion:

Question: Why is Pastor Craig not on the Search Team? Craig stated he trusts the team.

Motion carried.

6. Close in Prayer. Bob Gammer led in prayer for Lisa Sukkau as elder and for the Youth Pastor Search Team.

Adjourned at 12:55 pm