

2022 Annual Business meeting
February 13, 2022
75 members present; 9 non-members present

The 2022 annual business meeting was held in the sanctuary and called to order by Freeman Schrock. The 2021 business meeting minutes were presented and approved by the members responding with “aye.”

1. Elders Report

- a. Jeff Selzer reported on the elder reorganization. Michael Slagell will be secretary. The elders cast lots for the remaining positions. Matt Jackson will be moderator, CEC representative is Karl Stutzman, Stenson Miller is missions representative, and the congregation/pastoral care member is Delvin Mast.

Matt Jackson gave an apology to Hank Eichelberger and the congregation for things he said at a listening meeting last year. He asked for prayer for himself and for the elders as they work to restore relationships in the congregation and do their best to lead Pleasant View with God's guidance. Speaking for the elders, Karl Stutzman gave an apology to the congregation for not listening well to those who disagreed and were hurt by their actions. The elders desire is to work on being better listeners and growing in humility as Godly servant leaders.

- b. Matt Jackson stated the emphasis for the year is “Together around the table.” The elders are encouraging the congregation to spend more time together to help grow in relationship with each other and with Jesus Christ. They have budgeted \$3000 this year to encourage adult Sunday school classes to eat out together and fellowship. Classes are asked to present the receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement.
- c. A suggested change, in response to CEC, for safe sanctuary practices of Pleasant View is to omit the paragraph in our safe sanctuary training section ‘PVMC also seeks to empower children in youth by providing age-appropriate abuse prevention education annually. Abuse prevention education for children and youth will occur during the Sunday school in the month of August.’ This training would now come from the parents, with CEC providing age-appropriate materials to the parents to teach healthy boundaries to their children.
- d. An Elder/Deacon format was presented for organizing church committees using Acts 6 as a pattern. Deacons would be selected much like the elders with the deacon selection process immediately following the elder selection process. Instead of putting together committees, deacons would be chosen, and they would seek out members to serve and complete the responsibilities within the church. The deacons would surround themselves with people who are gifted to get things done within the church. The constitution says we rotate people out of a committee after two years term limits. The Deacon would rotate out with this format, but not the individuals who are gifted in particular areas. There would be no term limits for those gifted. This could be a direction we could pursue in the future and has potential because it focuses on our expectation of our leadership and invites people to work together under the contact person. This will not be pursued today but something to think about as we look more seriously at how we call people and how we encourage people to be a part of different ministries at Pleasant View.
- e. The 2021 Financial report was presented by Delvin Mast, introducing the approved giving list. New additions to the giving list in 2021 were the Amani Community Church in Wichita, CASA(Court Appointed Special Advocates), the Eichelberger adoption fund, and PALS (People and Love Succeed). Deletions for 2022 are CTEN (Reggie Miller Family) and the library fund, which will now be funded through curriculum. He explained the financial report page and indicated that they are available in the literature rack periodically and also the one-time gifts and ministries by designated funds and the 2021 budget.

2. Trustees Dwayne Slagell gave a kitchen remodel update. Three limiting factors cited in the continuing of the church remodel project are finding an available contractor, the cost of materials and funding. Another contractor has been located to give an estimate on the remodel job.

3. CEC This report was presented by Margaret Schrock.

- a. The Wednesday evening format has changed involving more people number.
- b. The resource room has been cleaned for access to teachers only to help keep the room organized.
- c. Recognizing difficulties with Bible Memory staff last year, camp is planned for again this year.
- d. CEC will be distributing age-appropriate material for parents to use in teaching their children healthy boundaries.

4. Missions This report was given by Daryl Mast stating the committee is interested in pursuing ministry locally and in other parts of the country. Updates given:

- a. Monthly financial aid is being given through CTL (Children to Love) and Berachah ministries for education funding for Benny and Grace, Kiran Paul and Lakshmi's children.
- b. Our church gifted a van to the Amani Church in Wichita, Ks. and are aiding them financially as well.

- c. Support has been given to Global teams Ministry to Afghanistan refugees. People are becoming followers of Jesus
- d. Our church hosted a bowling night with Hope Is Alive. Persons from this congregation are personally involved in this local ministry

Daryl invited persons to meet with them every second Wednesday at 8:00 o'clock and ask for continued prayers.

5. **SALT** (Sisters Abiding in Light and Truth) Susan Shantz asked for feedback from the day in the country and for volunteers to organize a ladies night out, retreat, and work on a new cookbook. They are asking for suggestions on how women can be a part of this congregation

6. **South Central Conference** Jeff Selzer reported on South Central conference. A motion to dissolve South Central conference did not pass at the Conference meeting last year. The motion to dissolve South Central conference from MCUSA did not pass. Two regional ministry coaches are retiring this year: James Wenger and Howard Keim. March 7th will be a special virtual meeting to increase the number of delegates of the network leadership team from 4 to 6. Three candidates are being looked at. PV has 4 members who are part of a conference team. A member asked if SCC would continue being a part of MCUSA. Jeff Selzer responded there is not a proposal yet, but he doesn't feel like this is over.

New Business

1. **Sunday evening services** Karl Stutzman led a discussion on the role and future of Sunday evening services. A survey was taken to determine if singing evening should continue the 1st Sunday of the month. There will be further discussion by the committee concerning Sunday evening programming.

2. Motions for the congregation to consider:

- a. Jeff Selzer presented the motion to Change the 'Training' section of PVMC's Safe Sanctuary Practices as it relates to the church teaching children and youth about healthy boundaries. Bill Jackson made a second and it was approved by the members.
- b. Jeff Selzer presented the motion to create an outdoor worship space in the east yard. This motion was given a second by Susan Shantz and approved by the members.
- c. Freeman Schrock presented the motion to create a committee to develop a plan to add seating and shading areas to the playground. A second was given by Kathy Switzer and approved by the members.
- d. Jeff Selzer presented the motion to continue with the worship first and then Sunday school format through August of 2022. Daryl Mast made a second. A ballot vote was taken, and the motion did not pass. Results were 35 'no' votes and 31 'yes' votes.
- e. Delvin Mast introduced the 2022 budget and made a motion for its approval. Matt Jackson made a second. It was approved by the members.
- f. Freeman Schrock gave a call for further committee nominations from the floor. Lyndall and Kathy Switzer indicated they would be willing to serve on Sunday evening planning. Chelsea Villines left her name on for student aid. Andrew Slagell will finish the AV term for Michael Slagell ending in 2023 and Jordan Miller will continue for a 3-year term. The motion was given a second by Delvin Mast to receive the committees as presented and approved by the members. Other elected committee members are Cindy Hunt on the Bible School Committee for 3 years. Amanda Miller and Cindy Hunt will remain as members of CEC for 3 years. David Miller was elected as church usher. Clifford Zook will remain as a parking usher, and Lyndall Switzer was voted in as the new trustee.

3. Other business

Hank Eichelberger read this statement "I would like to bring it to attention that the constitution is up for review and would like to suggest we clarify the wording in the constitution, confession of faith and the understanding of membership statement in regard to a believer's baptism as it pertains to membership. Is it required? What does it mean to affirm? I think we should clarify these as a church and decide what we want to do in the future as this caused conflict last year." The elders stated they will start the process of the review of the Confession of Faith, Statement of Membership and the Constitution, and respond back to the congregation.

Two suggestions were presented to the trustees.

- a. To consider the church parking lot for resealing and filling cracks in the asphalt.
- b. For safety reasons, to make persons aware of the different slopes in the breezeway and the outside entrances The trustees asked Monica Miller to point out the areas of concern after the meeting.

Jeff Selzer led a commissioning prayer for the new committee members and included a dismissal prayer.

Minutes Prepared by Kathy Thomas, Secretary