

MINUTES (DRAFT)
Spirit of Grace Church
(formerly Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership)
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 22, 2017

The Annual Meeting was **called to order at 10:00 a.m.** by Pastor David King. Board Chair Debby Chenoweth announced that the required quorum of 23 members (out of the 32 present) had been exceeded.

OPENING PRAYER was offered by Pastor David King.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ballot sheets were distributed (see a copy attached to the original of these minutes) and Pastor David briefly explained the balloting process. There were no additions to the ballot from the floor and there were no questions from the congregation.

MOTION: Jim Anderson moved to dispense with the paper ballot and adopt the slate of officers as presented. **SECOND:** Pat Pettit

This motion requires a 2/3 majority vote of those present. All those in favor were asked to signify by voice vote as well as by raising a hand. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following **officers** were elected:

Board of Directors (three-year term): Michele Sibley and Bob White

Staff Parish Relations Committee (two-year term): George Bentz (second term) and
Kristin Marcroft

Finance Committee (three-year term): Vicki Wartalski

Lay Member of Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference (UMC): Michele Sibley

Lay Members of Oregon Synod Assembly (ELCA): Michelle Sibley and Tyler Sibley

The newly-elected officers were congratulated and the outgoing officers thanked for their work.

REPORTS: The following reports are included in the Annual Meeting packet distributed via e-mail last week and to those present at today's meeting. A copy of the packet is included with the original of these minutes.

Pastor's Report

Board Chair's Report

Message from Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke (of the Oregon Synod, ELCA)

Ministry Team Reports

Budget & Financial Report

Pastor's Salary & Benefits

Additional Reports and Documentation

Board Chair Debby Chenoweth thanked members of the congregation for an amazing year and highlighted many of the year's accomplishments including our name change to Spirit of Grace.

Roy Pettit asked a question regarding the Profit & Loss statement on page 4 of the report which indicated that the church is currently running an \$11,000 deficit. Debby Chenoweth noted that while individuals are giving more, there are fewer giving units and acknowledged that financial challenges await. She also noted that the majority of that amount is the approximately \$10,000 salary for the volunteer coordinator for the FISH Food Bank garden and that grants as well as fundraising opportunities are being explored to cover that amount.

Board member Rick McBee was thanked for all his hard work on the budget and financial information enclosed. The current balances of all accounts show an all-church worth of approximately \$350,000 so we are certainly financially sound. However, it is still the goal of the church each year to bring in as much money as we spend. Rick noted that the proposed budget was based on preliminary figures. Final figures for 2016 will be incorporated into the finished budget document which will be printed out and available for pick-up next Sunday. Those with questions about the budget or financial information were encouraged to contact Rick or Debby.

Pastor David reminded the congregation that the Board and the SPRC will elect chairs soon. He also announced that **two new ministry team leaders are in place for 2017: Rick McBee** will head the **Building Committee** (not to be confused with Building and Grounds) and **Debby Chenoweth** will head the **Outreach Committee**. The Building Committee will deal with the funds available from sale of the Asbury UMC building and how they will be used to complete improvements/renovations or capital building projects. After the committee formulates a plan, they will come before a special meeting of the congregation later this year in order to approve a work plan and expenditure of funds.

CLOSING PRAYER was offered by Pastor King and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fitch, Secretary
Board of Directors
Spirit of Grace

