



## Congregational Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 18, 22

The meeting opened with a prayer

### Call to Order

The Charlotte Church of Christ Congregational meeting opened at 12:20

### Agenda Items

#### Approval of Minutes

Cindy Wade opened the meeting with a review of the May 22, 2022 meeting minutes

The review of the May 22nd, 2022 meeting minutes was approved by Pauline Borgman and seconded by Will Wade

#### **Treasurer Report - Amy Radabaugh**

Amy Radabaugh provided a printed budget report for January through August 2022. There are no major changes noted for the upcoming year financially.

#### **Amendment Discussion- Will Wade**

Will Wade opened the discussion on the proposed changes to the by-laws and constitution. Shawn Hubbard presented the two proposals. The discussion was opened with **Article number one**.

*This proposal was to make the bylaws and constitution consistent with one another to read, "a plurality of elders (two or more)"*

- Doug Lautzenheiser questioned how to determine the percentage of voting members.
  - Dave Walton estimated a head count needed for approval for the day of the meeting. The members' directory is not complete at this time to have a truly accurate count.
  - Shawn Hubbard reminded attendees that forms for directory and membership are available at any time.
  - Dave Walton also brought up the intention for future joining members. They will be invited to give a statement of membership during weekly service upon stating the desire to become a member.



- Sam Cross clarified that in the event that the church does not have any elders, there would be a requirement of three members to form the steering committee.

- Dave Walton confirmed, yes that remains unchanged

Shawn Hubbard defined the proposed changes to **Article number two** and opened the discussion.

*\*This proposal would eliminate the text requiring steering committee members to use the same qualifications needed as deacons.*

- Dave Walton explained the reasoning behind the proposed change, to seek input from each corner of the congregation to help broaden perspective.
- Sam Cross cited 1 Corinthians 11:3, man's kingdom, and 1 Timothy 10:12, the underlying principle is that married men should be the only ones holding these offices.
  - Dave Walton said he would need to look into this more
- Will Wade clarified that members of the steering committee would be voted in
  - Dave Walton confirmed a vote would be required to appoint steering committee members. If the agreement was not found then a monthly meeting would be held
  - Shawn also confirmed that there is an eight-step process to select members in accordance with the constitution. We are voting to strike that statement
- Alison Wade asked for clarification between a steering committee and an administrative team
  - Dave Walton explained that elders oversee everything within the church. The administrative team is under the eldership. The steering committee would become the leadership of the church until elders were appointed
- Bryan Wade inquired what the qualifications would be for the steering committee if Article 2 was amended
  - Shawn Hubbard stated that currently, the qualifications are the same qualifications as a deacon. The proposition would require a nomination and approval by the congregation
- George Blanche shared an experience where he was unable to rebuke/assert authority over another man's wife and how placing a female in authority complicates biblical headship
- Shawn Hubbard reminded the congregation that the real goal is to not need a steering committee. The goal is to have elders and deacons. The revision is for if we lack elders and deacons according to the plurality stated in the constitution and bylaws
- Pauline Borgman asked how to vote. Yes, meaning change, and no, meaning keep the same
  - Shawn Hubbard clarified that in both instances a vote of 'no' would keep the current article as is



- Betty Lautzenheiser brought up the biblical charge of women teaching children and serving as a helpmate, not as an authority.
  - Dave Walton reminded the congregation that by not taking in the point of view of women, we do not have a well-rounded opinion of our congregation
- Doug Lautzenheiser motioned to end the discussion
- Alison Wade asked if a steering committee were instated if the Administrative Team would stop
  - Shawn Hubbard, yes
- Discussion closed

#### **Administrative Team Report- Will Wade**

- Will Wade announced that Cindy Wade would be stepping down as church secretary and Amanda Grecni would be stepping into the position upon approval of a vote.
  - Pauline Borgman motioned to accept
  - Deanna seconded the motion
  - Dave Walton motioned to keep the other members the same. He also thanked Cindy for her behind-the-scenes work and persistent reminders, and for keeping the administrative team on track
- Dave Walton and Shawn Hubbard presented Mike Tanner, Will Wade, and Mike Hicks with their certificate of ordination as deacons from April 10th
- Shawn Hubbard also acknowledged Jeff Frank for his service as a deacon. He will also be presented with a certificate
- The administrative team will now be comprised of all deacons, (Jeff Frank, Mike Tanner, Mike Hicks, Will Wade) Elders, (Dave Walton and Shawn Hubbard) Trina Klaiss, Pat Tirrell, Amy Radabaugh, and Amanda Grecni

#### **Minister's Report- Shawn Hubbard**

- Recap of rededication/homecoming weekend as well as the baptisms that occurred
- Shawn is making visits to those that are sick. He urged people to still continue to contact him if there is a need. Even while taking courses at GLCC he is still here to serve
- GLCC is going well and he is carrying a 4.0. He is learning history and connecting with Biblical history
- There is still a need for those willing to lead/serve on the worship team. They are practicing on Thursday evenings at the church
- The new theme of the year is Living stones. The first of the year tentative theme will be When God Builds a Church



- There will be service on Christmas Eve and Christmas day
- Shawn shared his vision of what the 5th Sunday kid's service will look like

#### **Children's Ministry- Lorie Walton**

- VBS is scheduled for next year at the end of June
- Events calendar was given out
- Make it take it will be December 10th
- Children's Christmas program will be December 18th
- Christmas caroling is to be determined
- Lock-in is to be determined
- 1 Timothy 4:12 is the current memory verse for the month
- Rice packing is scheduled for February 5th
- A request for help serving the children was expressed
- There is a need for volunteers in the nursery

#### **Missions Report- Lorie Walton**

- VBS
  - CRAM and Deaf institute were our missionaries for the past couple of years. Next summer we will have Shannon Haynie with Life Venture
  - The theme for the next VBS is Rush'in for Gold (Gold is God's Word) put out by Answers in Genesis
- Diane Mayes asked for clarification on the funding for camps
  - Lorie Walton explained how camp funds are used. We pay half the tuition for camp
- Norm Lautzenheiser asked what percentage of money is used for missions
  - Will Wade said it was 10% but now it is less than 10%
- Pauline Borgman asked why we are over budget in this area
  - Lorie Walton explained that we do a full payment and not a monthly payment for rice packing and it will catch up and even out
- Terri Seabolt brought forth a concern about needing help with funeral dinners
  - Lorie Walton acknowledged the need to organizing a funeral dinner ministry starting with a list of names for willing volunteers
  - Tammy Merritt inquired if the funeral dinner in question was connected to our congregation



- Shawn Hubbard met with John Bailey and he assured him that he had it covered but needed to find a location. He was offered the church to use. This wasn't an oversight but a miscommunication
- Terri Seabolt still pressed that there is a need to have a list
- Shawn Hubbard indicated that we would need to inquire within the congregation for help in that area

**Administration Team- Will Wade**

	Vote 'Yes'	Vote 'No'
Article #1	35 (83%)	7 (17%)
Article #2	24 (57%)	18 (43%)

*\*percents rounded to the nearest whole number*

*\*Two-thirds needed to pass*

Article #1 passed

Article # 2 did **not** pass. It will remain unchanged.

- Recap of the changes to the Administrative Team
- Update on the changes to the sanctuary, bathroom updates to the doors and vanities
- Pauline Borgman wanted to remind everyone that Facebook and messenger are not utilized by all members
- Will Wade reminded congregants to send an email to Pauline Borgman bulletin items

**Crosswalk- Brandon Wade**

- They are receiving 40-60 kids daily
- Building changes underway with matching grant being used
  - New windows, emergency exit doors, working on the overhang, and a new check-in system with cameras
  - Cindy Wade helps with mixed media which is a very popular class
  - Always looking for new faces
  - Diane Mayes and Cindy help organize food for meals. A request for food donations was made for the bulletin

Doug Lautzenheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm