

Redeemer Covenant Congregational Business Meeting

Annual Meeting Minutes; **Draft**

June 4, 2023

Opening

1. The June portion of the 2023 Redeemer Covenant Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 11:43 AM on June 4, 2023 by Julie Walker. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom.
2. Barb Taylor opened the meeting with prayer.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 37 in-person and 0 online voting members of Redeemer.

Approval of Minutes

1. Motion by David Wilson with a second by Tasha Moore to approve the January 2023 minutes as presented from the January 2023 congregational meeting. **APPROVED**

Business Items:

1. Membership Changes:

- a. Eric Kane has passed away and will be removed from the membership roster.
- b. Philip Milbrandt has requested to transfer/drop his membership and will be removed.

2. Leadership Team Nominations:

The nominating committee presented the following ballot:

Nominee	Term
Warren Leonardi	2 nd term, 2-year term
Don Wong	2 nd term, 2-year term
Charissa Rosario	1 st term, 1-year term
Walker Moore	1 st term, 2-year term

This ballot came as a motion from the nominating committee and did not require a second. All nominees were **APPROVED** by written ballot

3. Financial Update:

- a. Don Wong provided a brief verbal overview of the church financials. He indicated that giving was below expected/budgeted levels for Q1 of 2023, but overall giving rates are looking better so far for Q2.

4. Financial Motion/Spending Proposal:

- a. The following proposal for spending \$62,000 from 2022's budget surplus/undesignated reserves was presented to the congregation:
 - i. \$25,000 to DASH (DFW Asylum Seeker Housing) Network to help Francisco and Odilia, a refugee couple from Guatemala who were referred to Redeemer for assistance
 - ii. \$30,000 for sound and A/V upgrades, to support better quality and longevity for our sound system (affecting both in-person gatherings and livestreams)
 - iii. \$2000 to fund website upgrades, advertising, and church marketing efforts
 - iv. \$5000 for 2024 church trips (especially the UNITE 2024 youth gathering)
 - v. All of the above were **APPROVED** by written ballot

5. Playground/Outdoor Space Update

- a. Pastor Mark reviewed various options considered for Redeemer’s outdoor (formerly “playground”) space, including play structure construction proposals/estimates with significant price tags.
- b. He then proposed an open/multigenerational/basic use of the space including a high-quality AstroTurf-style surface surrounded by natural “edging” elements, giving insight into how that proposal was arrived at and providing related diagrams/mock-ups of what the completed space could look like.
- c. He proposed calling the polyfunctional outdoor space a “patio” rather than a “playground.”
- d. Next steps to move forward with this proposal would include getting specific quotes followed by a potential fall congregational meeting/vote.

Closing:

1. Julie Walker closed the meeting with prayer.
2. Meeting was adjourned by Julie Walker at 12:26 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Sarah Lowe, Leadership Team Secretary