

Notes from Congregational Meeting 1/25/09

Bob called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda and instructed the members on the process for the meeting. Each item which required a vote would be presented and then a single round of written voting would occur that included each individual item.

Don Robinson offered a prayer of thanks for those that have served the body of Common Ground until this point in time.

Bob read the list of members and confirmed all members were recognized. As of this meeting, there are 39 members of the church.

The Interim Leadership Team nominees were identified and recognized by the congregation. Bob noted that these were nominees for the Interim Leadership Team who would serve through July and that elections would be held at the annual meeting in July for the Leadership Team to serve 2 year terms.

Bob read aloud the Letter of Call of Tom Bowen as the Senior Pastor of Common Ground Covenant Church

Anne presented the budget through July and answered questions.

Jim Montgomery asked for clarification regarding the absence of a salary in the budget for Dennis Dickson after March. Anne explained that Dennis has raised support for his service and employment by Common Ground and it is yet undetermined whether or not that support and/or employment would continue beyond March. That is still to be determined with the Leadership Team, Dennis and those supporting him.

Jim also asked about what appeared to be a salary increase for the Senior Pastor in July. Anne explained that this was not an increase but that the month of July was a 3 pay[period] month.

Ballots were distributed and voting occurred.

Frank Gariglio and Emma Murray counted the ballots and reported all items passed:

Interim Leadership Team members - Bob McGraw, Deb Max, James Max, Dennis Dickson, Lance Stewart, Anne Reeve and Greg Nealon - Passed by majority vote

Call of Tom Bowen as Senior Pastor - Passed by 2/3 vote

Budget through July 2009 - Passed by majority vote

32 members voted (one additional vote was cast but no name was included so it was not counted)

Don Robinson led the congregation and Tom Bowen in an acceptance of Tom's call and the Interim Leadership Team.

Meeting adjourned by Tom Bowen.