

Palouse Federated Church
Congregational Quarterly Meeting
Date: November 27, 2022
Approved

Call to Order: Time: 11:24 A.M.

Board Members Present: Jim Fielder, chair; Pastor Corey Laughary, Peggy Collier, Brenda Cook, Dennis Griner, Cam Heusser

Others present: A quorum of the congregational membership and guests.

Opening Prayer: Jim Fielder

Financial Report: Tim Sievers – Tim provided a summary of the 3rd Quarter Balance Sheets and Profit/Loss Reports (Documents are attached to the official minutes).

Presentation of 2023 Budget: Jim Fielder – A summary of the 2023 budget was handed out to the congregation (Copy attached to official minutes). Explanation of what is included in the budget and what is not (Items of specific giving, e.g., special Christmas offerings.)

Question from the floor: Were COLAs included in this budget?

Answer: They were not, but the budget can be adjusted at any time. The budget will be revisited in the new year when a clearer financial picture is available.

Board Member Election:

Brenda Cook and Cam Heusser were presented to the membership as prospective board members to serve on the church board. Both are currently serving on the board with their current term ending at the end of the year.

Motion: Traci Sievers, **Second:** Connie Kuehner. To elect Brenda Cook and Cam Heusser to the church board. **Passed** with unanimous approval.

Ministry Report: Pastor Corey

* **Youth Leader** – The youth are in good hands as Hua Ming Newman, Youth Ministry Leader, is taking an active role in the youth ministries, Sunday School, and will serve as Camp Director this summer at Ross Point.

He is currently pursuing a four-year degree in Christian ministry at Grand Canyon University.

***Pray for the Sunday School program** and be thankful for the faithful teachers who prepare the lessons each Sunday.

***Youth Group** – The Wednesday youth group is solid. It is becoming a joint ministry with Garfield churches. The sites will be rotating for the new year. In January the youth will be meeting in Garfield. In February, they meet in Palouse. The meals served for the youth are a major hit and central to the outreach.

***Bible studies** – They are a central part of the church. All are doing well.

*** Upcoming Messages**

- Advent will be the focus until Christmas
- “Y’all” will be the focus for seven weeks
- Christ words from the cross will be the focus for seven weeks
- Revelation study will return after Easter

Comment from member: It is so good to see people coming back to worship.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Corey

Motion to Adjourn: Tim Sievers; **Second;** Jim Fielder; **Passed**

Time: 12:01 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk of the Board, Dennis Griner