

White Chapel Church

White Chapel Congregational Meeting

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5155 East 116th St.

Carmel, IN 46033-9472

November 28, 2021 7 pm

In accordance with the White Chapel Church By-Laws, on November 7, 2021, a Special business meeting of the Congregation was called by Pastor David Cottrell and announced at that day's service. This was in response to a Petition from the Active Membership of at least 10 people, the actual number of valid members signing being 26. Announcement of the meeting was also published in the church bulletin on November 21st and November 28th as well as mentioned from the pulpit in closing announcements on both November 21st and November 28th.

Open with prayer by Pastor David Cottrell

Meeting called to order by Alexander Perry

Roll Call was performed (28 Active voting members and 4 Active nonvoting members) and a quorum was established for a Congregational meeting

Those voting members present: Brian Bading, Mike Bading, Kim Bading, [REDACTED], Cindy Clemens, David Cottrell, Marilyn Cottrell, Peter Dunbar, Tomoko Dunbar, Erick Eastes, Doreen Eastes, Arielle Epstein, Carla Glos, John Hall, Debbie Hall, Mark Jacob, Alice Jacob, Rebecca Leonard, Scott Lockhart, Cathy Lockhart, Karen Opal, Alexander Perry, Canaan Perry, Don Reeve, Linda Reeve, Ken Solmon, Susan Solmon, Loretta Solmon, Alison Styring, Ellen Styring, Keith Teien, Juanice Teien

Alexander Perry made a motion which was seconded to limit two speeches per member for each agenda item (time limit of 3 minutes per speech per agenda item). Voice vote passed unanimously

Alexander Perry asked if there were any objections to him chairing the meeting. No objections were made.

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BY-LAWS

Written vote by ballot on Revocation of White Chapel Church By-Law Amendments, specifically for removal of the August 8, 2004 and June 29, 2009 amendments. Passed unanimously (28) by the Active voting members. Voting member 2/3 majority was required to pass with the threshold being 25 (25 out of 37 Active voting membership). The White Chapel Church By-Laws are restored to the original ten articles. The distinction of Active nonvoting members no longer exists. The attending 4 previously identified as Active nonvoting members are now eligible to vote in subsequent votes. Also, Pastor David Cottrell is now a member of the Board of Elders.

A committee was formed to rewrite the By-Laws with common best practices and with legal and professional input in conjunction with the Board of Elders. The final output will be presented to the congregation for a vote of approval. The nominated By-Laws revision committee consists of: Deanna Hall, David Cottrell, Alexander Perry, and Susan Solmon. Voice vote passed unanimously

TREASURER AND FINANCES

Kim Bading was nominated for the Treasurer position. No other nominees were brought forward from the floor. Kim Bading is the new Treasurer of White Chapel Church by acclamation.

Alexander Perry made a motion which was seconded to schedule a Special Audit of the finances of White Chapel Church. Voice vote passed unanimously

Alexander Perry made a motion which was seconded for White Chapel Church to apply for IRS 501(c)(3) organizational status. Voice vote passed unanimously

SECRETARY

Doreen Eastes was nominated for the Secretary position. No other nominees were brought forward from the floor. Doreen Eastes is the new Secretary of White Chapel Church by acclamation.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Brian Bading presented a report on the state of the church building and grounds.

Alexander Perry made a motion which was seconded to have the Board of Trustees address the specific issues presented of the church building and grounds within 1 year. Voice vote passed unanimously

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CONSIDERATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Linda Reeve made a motion which was seconded for Terry McMillen to be removed from both the Board of Trustees and Board of Elders. Voice vote passed unanimously

Debbie Hall made a motion which was seconded for Thomas Berling to be removed from the Board of Elders. Voice vote passed unanimously. This leaves the current Board of Elders for White Chapel Church as Pastor David Cottrell, Erick Eastes, and George Lee. There are currently 2 vacancies on the Board of Elders to be voted on at a future date.

As unanimously voted, Terry McMillen and Thomas Berling are removed from the Board of Elders and will be removed on all pertinent church documents.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Written vote by ballot for the Board of Trustees. Six candidates (Brian Bading, Mark Jacob, Scott Lockhart, Don Reeve, Keith Teien, and Lori Watson) were previously nominated and one candidate (Ken Solmon) was nominated from the floor. The top 4 vote-getters elected to the Board of Trustees for White Chapel Church in order of most votes: Mark Jacob, Brian Bading, Keith Teien, and Scott Lockhart. They join Peter Dunbar currently serving on the Board of Trustees for White Chapel Church. The newly and duly elected Board of Trustee members as well as previously elected Trustee Peter Dunbar will be recorded with the Hamilton County Recorder. The removal of Terry McMillen as Trustee will also be noted with the Hamilton County Recorder. As voted unanimously, Terry McMillen will be removed from the Board of Trustees and will be removed from all pertinent church documents.

FUTURE MEETING

The next Congregational meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 9th, 2022 (Sunday) at 7 pm at White Chapel Church

No new business was brought forward

Alexander Perry brought forward a motion to adjourn which was seconded. Voice vote passed unanimously

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AS OF 11/28/2021

BOARD OF ELDERS

DAVID COTTRELL

ERICK EASTES

GEORGE LEE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PETE DUNBAR

KEITH TEIEN

SCOTT LOCKHART

MARK JACOB

BRIAN BADING

Doreen L. Eastes, Recording Secretary