

### **Hope Chapel Annual Business Meeting June 6, 2021**

**Call to order:** Moderator John Scudiere, Quorum is 10% of membership(155). About 25 were in attendance, Quorum was met.

**Approval of Sept 2020 minutes:** Motion was made & second with no questions on the minutes. Sept 2020 minutes were accepted.

**New Members:** Weliton & Camila Venades, Paul & Neiva Robertson, Blaise & Danielle Rukundo, Hannah Roseberry, Patti Roseberry, Susan Suokko, Barbara Foster, Annette Saddler, Bob Holmes, Sharon Taylor, Mike Missett and Judy Murphy (upon baptism on 6/20/21)

#### **Reports:**

**Finance – Tom Cooley:** 3 items of discussion

- A) 20-21 Budget
- B) 21-22 Budget
- C) Option \$100,000 from on hand to match donation – applying to mortgage

Tom explained the goals each year. Report is on file.

Mortgage closing donation: Refi went through 4/21-5/19/21 \$259,662 balance currently on mortgage. Donor of the 100K requests an incentive to match with church funding. This creates a balance of 59K on the mortgage. This donor also included a new sign, a steeple, some benevolence, etc. It was a great Pastoral day.

A motion to match the 100K to pay down the mortgage & second was made. This will allow the mortgage to be paid off in its entirety by Christmas 2021. No further discussion was made and motion was passed.

**New Business:** Elders, Deacons, and other officials on the 2021 ballot (enclosed in file). Ballot approval was unanimous.

#### **Ministry Reports:**

**Youth/Ken Hall – Read by Neal Davidson:** Youth group became a true sanctuary during this year plus of COVID. Report on file.

**Worship/Christina Davidson:** A difficult year of Blessings and Challenges. Online growth and learning, Rick Loring & Jon Bartow leading this technology curve. Mike Osborne took care of the camera challenges. The staff & elders have been unified during all of this. We were still able to increase new worship songs to our library. We welcome our new intern for a second year, Abed. Looking forward to see the younger generation come forward in music and technologies. Report on file.

**Pastor of Family and Adults/ Steve Blumer:** There are 14 authorized Life Groups which is the lowest since 2-13 when I began, along with a few unofficial groups. Some met in-person, zoom and a mix of both. It was a challenging year. There was a collaborative effort to revise the active attenders list for our Lent Prayer time. God led many to matched answered prayer needs. I oversee Men's, Women's, Kids Connect, Deacons, Wednesday's Word, Preaching, Child Dedications, graphics & Website duties. Report is on file.

**Children's Ministry/Jay Tilley Director:** A challenging year for sure. During COVID restrictions we had posted our Kids Connect Services online with songs, lessons & family questions. There were approximately 20-25 families with more children signing in to view. Unit mailings went out to coincide with the lessons. This was managed by the help of the office volunteer team. Report on file.

**Elders - Read by Andy McGowan:** We met 2-3 times per month with one focusing on prayer, seeing where God wants Hope Chapel to move forward, what would honor God, & how to keep us connected as a congregation. Ultimately, we did agree we were not to lead with science but with spiritual guidance through God's Word. Moving forward we oversee a great comeback. Scott Aponte's term ends this year, thank you for all you do. Report on file.

**Senior Pastor/Neal Davidson:** We have a long term staff here at Hope Chapel, Ken 17y, Steve 10y, Gail 8y, Jay is newer. I am encouraged about our future. It is a season of transition with 7-8 families moving away such as the Rattrays, Farineaus, Somers, Berkeys, Skiles, MacEntarfes, & the Leishmans. Gail will be retiring as Church Secretary. It is a season we need to see people step up in new ways. It has been challenging through COVID with daily & weekly decisions to be made. Very draining. The ministry to engage, disciple, deploy everyone with online, CDC challenges, in-person & online challenges. Reset is coming. This is the opportunity to ask God if we should be doing church differently. Preparation for the next generation of Hope Chapel in the next 72 months.

**Moderator:** motion to approve the reports & second – all passed

**Old Business:** none

**Neal closing in prayer** then, **Motion to adjourn**, second & passed.