

Greendale People's Church
Annual 127th Congregational Meeting
January 29, 2023

I. *Welcome and Opening Prayer*

- The Annual Congregational Meeting commenced at 10:33 a.m.
- The Governing Board Chair, Dennis Christo, greeted all who were gathered.
- Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg offered a prayer of gratitude for this day, bringing us together with grace to open our hearts, minds, and ears for thoughtful consideration for the purposes of His will and this church.

II. *Declaration of Quorum*

- Clerk Kim Paré, confirmed a quorum (30 required) with 54 in attendance.

III. *Approval of Minutes from January 30, 2022, Congregational Meeting*

- David Raphael made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Wilson McLaren seconded.
- **VOTE:** Unanimous approval to accept the minutes from the January 30, 2022, Congregational Meeting as presented. No discussion. No abstentions.

IV. *Approval of the Annual Church Operating Budget for 2023*

- David Raphael recognized the efforts of Charles Whittall, Robert Converse, and the Finance Team to present a balanced budget for 2023. David Raphael made a motion to accept the 2023 annual operating budget as presented. Karen Allen seconded.
- **VOTE:** Unanimous approval to accept the 2023 Annual Operating Budget as presented. No discussion. No abstentions.

V. *Review Ballot Items and Discussion*

- Nancy White made a motion to authorize the Governing Board to divest the 18-acre Selah property and seek to optimize the legacy value with the real property value. David Raphael seconded the motion.
- Discussion. Nancy said that she and Ken, Michael and Joanne Wilder, and Wilson McLaren as the Selah Team can no longer commit to caring for the property and GPC cannot afford a property management company to support the property. Since the 1960s there've been many, many wonderful memories of church activities and many members of the congregation have an emotional attachment to Selah, but there's currently very little use of the property if any. There was a discussion about selling the property to a nonprofit organization such as the Athol Y and whether there will need to be another congregational vote once a buyer is found. The Governing Board Chair affirmed that when the church is close to a sale, an informational meeting will be held. Fran Langille recognized the debt the congregation owes to the Whites for their historical care, diligence, and management of Selah.

- **VOTE:** Unanimous approval to authorize the Governing Board to divest the Selah property and seek to optimize the legacy value with the real property value as discussed. No abstentions.

Election of Governing Board Members

- *Karen Allen and David Raphael are proposed Governing Board members.*
- *Robert Converse is continuing his term.*
- *Dennis Christo, Kim Paré, and Dennis O'Malley have one year remaining on their terms.*
- *Dennis O'Malley made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Richard Grayson seconded.*
- **VOTE:** *Unanimous approval to accept the Governing Board as presented. No discussion. No objections. No abstentions.*

- *Governing Board Chair Dennis Christo thanked the congregation for their participation in the meeting and the need for everybody to be involved. He thanked all of the congregation's teams: Facilities, Finance, Diaconate, Hunger Action; and asked every congregation member to be prayerful as to how they can continue to serve the church and its many missions. Vice Chair David Raphael thanked Nancy White for her service on the Governing Board and Nancy and Ken for their love and service to Selah.*

VI. Closing Prayer by Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg

VII. Adjournment

- *David Raphael made a motion to adjourn the Annual 127th Congregational Meeting. Marion McLaren seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk