

McLean Bible Church
Congregational Meeting
March 29, 2017

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Board Chairman Larry Cooper presided over the meeting. Larry welcomed the three campuses who were joining the congregational meeting by live video. The congregation spent the first half-hour in prayer.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting quorum requirement is 268 members. A count was taken and a quorum was present. Larry pointed out that our last December meeting did not make a quorum so was unable to complete some business that we will complete this evening.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS

Larry had everyone review the handouts for this evening and directed them to the last page showing membership. Larry requested a motion to approve for membership the 50 names recommended by the Elders and submitted in the December meeting as well as 54 additional names recommended – for a total of 104 potential new members. Marisa Laios moved to accept these 104 names into membership at MBC. Seconded by John Landy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

JILL'S HOUSE UPDATE

Dale introduced Elizabeth (Liz) Ha who is the new VP of Advancement at Jill's House. Liz shared her joy of working on this special assignment. She pointed out that after being in operation for 6 years, we are serving 740 families.

NEW CITY NETWORK UPDATE

Dale introduced Clint Clifton who is leading our NCN church planting initiative. Clint gave us an update on this program and introduced some of his team. We presently have 40 church plants in various stages of maturity.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dale gave us an update on the finances. He briefed the congregation about the status of our current teaching team consisting of Lon, Dale, David Platt and Mike Kelsey. Dale spoke about decline in church attendance as a nation-wide problem that is also impacting MBC. He said only about 4% of churches are actually multiplying churches, that is, church who grow and enable significant new work to develop. It is our intent to be one of those.

Dale said given our revenue posture this past year, we are making some changes. He said we continue to work hard to keep our staffing costs under 50% of income. We were slightly above that this past year. He talked about some of the potential problems going forward that require us as responsible stewards to keep our expenses in-line with our anticipated income. He said the elders and the staff have looked hard at ways to adjust expenses by rigorously examining every single line. Changes have been made where possible. However, since, by far, our largest variable expense is staff salaries and benefits, prudent expense management will involve additional staff reductions.

Larry reviewed the other financial pages of the handout. He also reviewed our planned budget for 2017 which is \$29,744,787. Julia Selah moved to accept this budget. Seconded by Marisa Laios. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mark Gottlieb read the minutes of the Congregational Meeting of December 28, 2016. Marisa Laios moved to accept the minutes as read. John Landry seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was approved.

Jimmy Mitchell closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Gottlieb". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mark Gottlieb
Secretary, MBC Board of Elders

Attachments:

A Congregational Meeting Handout, March 29, 2017