

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Akron, Ohio

Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 2023 - FINAL

Also present: The Reverend David Aber, Interim Pastor; Alec Works, Clerk of Session

The Special Congregational Meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by Moderator the Reverend David Aber at 11:32 a.m., following the 10:30 a.m. morning worship service. There were two items on the agenda.

The clerk noted that a quorum was present. [Note: based on current membership as of December 31, 2022 of 270, a quorum is 10%, or 28 members. Alec counted over 50 members present.]

The first of two items on the agenda was the election of new officers. Becky Pool, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, reported that the proposed full slate was included as an insert with the morning bulletin. That slate was as follows:

Elders, Class of 2025 (3 year term):

- Chris Blaha, Marta Morrison (1st term); Sandy Gruneich, Ginny Melver (2nd term)

Elder to fill open positions

- Don Rearick (2nd term), 2 year term expiring end of 2024

Deacons, Class of 2025 (3 year term):

- Bob Carlyon, Sook Lee (1st term); Kris Keller (2nd term)

Endowment Committee (3 year term):

- George Leidy, Alec Works (2nd term)
- Jerry Young (1st term), to fill open position, 1 year term expiring end of 2023

Nominating Committee, Class of 2023 (1 year term):

- Lisa Bansen-Harp, Jacqui Mabry, Kristy Yates (1st term)
- Andi Jopperi, Marge Rearick (2nd term)

Pastor Aber asked if there were any nominations from the floor. With none, a motion was made and seconded for the clerk to cast a unanimous ballot to elect the individuals named above to serve as elders, deacons, members of the nominating committee, and endowment directors.

MOTION C-2023-01 prevailed to elect the slate of nominees as presented.

The second item of business was to address a proposed change to the Bylaws. Motions were passed in November 2022 by the Board of Deacons and then by Session to reduce the number of deacons from 12 to 9, and that the term of service increase from 2 to 3 years. The floor was opened for discussion. The moderator called for a vote by show of hands, appointing 2 members of the congregation to count. The count was 45 for and 4 against (a 2/3 majority is required.).

MOTION C-2023-02 prevailed to reduce the number of deacons from 12 to 9, and that the term of service increase from 2 to 3 years.

The new wording in the bylaws will be as presented:

Section 1. Constituency – The Board of Deacons shall consist of nine (9) adult members divided into three (3) classes, one-third (1/3) of whom shall be elected each year, and one (1) youth member (optional) elected for a one-year term.

With no other business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION C-2023-03 prevailed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Pastor Aber at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Alec Works, Clerk of Session

The Reverend David Aber, Moderator