

Evangel Assembly of God
2024 Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, March 17, 2024, 2:30 pm

OPENING PRAYER AND REMARKS

Pastor Josh Skjoldal opened the meeting with prayer and thanksgiving. He also recognized the Pastors and Leadership Team who have served faithfully.

QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER

Pastor Josh called Evangel's 2024 Annual Business Meeting to order at 2:33 pm. He announced a quorum with 125 of 466 (26%) Evangel Members present. This is in accordance with Evangel's *Bylaw 6.10* which states 20% of active members be present for a quorum.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2023 Annual Business Meeting and seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote of the membership.

LEAD PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Josh read his report with the following highlight:

- Pastor Josh spoke about last year's theme for Evangel to be a "Full Send Church" meaning we are to be full throttle with 100% commitment to Jesus. The Bible is full of people who live their life this way. Let's continue to journey together into the full send life that God has for each one of us until the whole world hears.

A motion to approve the Lead Pastor report was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of the membership.

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Pastor Josh recognized the Board and shared his gratitude for their unity and passion. He also took a moment to re-educate the membership on the role of the Board. The Board has evolved over the years to no longer hold the responsibility of the Deacon role as that responsibility is being handled by the staff who lead different departments and areas of ministry.

He explained the current role and responsibilities of the Board which has essentially moved into 5 lanes:

- Strategy (Guard the vision of the lead pastor and the values of the church)
- Assurance (Financial stewardship of the church)

- Advisors (Approval of major expenditures)
- Compliance (Making sure we are legally sound in everything we are doing)
- Safety (Approve safety and security measures)

Other responsibilities include overseeing building projects, training up new Board members, and serving as Trustees.

Each Board member serves a 1-year term and can serve up to 6 consecutive terms before stepping off the Board.

Pastor Josh recognized Roger Loven and Lance Anderson for their service on the Board and that they have reached their term limit.

Pastor Josh shared that as we walk into this new year and after consulting with the nominating committee, he has decided that we will proceed with 5 Board members in 2024 which is in accordance with *bylaw 9.02* that states we must have no less than 5 and no more than 9 Board members.

Pastor Josh recognized the current Board members (Mark Brakel, Scott Hoovestol, Rob Sipes, Sannon Norick, Jeff Rudio) and everything they bring to the Board with their gifts and insights. He shared that the government of the church is very healthy even in the face of much testing.

Lance Anderson prayed for the Church, the Leadership, and the Pastors.

BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

Roger Loven presented the treasurer's report for 2023.

- Tithes and offerings for 2023 were just under \$7.5 million which is a 17% increase over 2022.
- Legacy Makers giving for 2023 was just under \$2.4 million which is a 34% increase over 2022.
- Total revenue for 2023 was \$10.6 million which is an increase of 21% over 2022.
- Expenses for 2023 was \$6.7 million consisting of: Staffing, Legacy Makers giving, Equipment, Ministries, Buildings, and operating expenses.
- Total revenue over expenses for 2023 was just over \$3.8 million.

Roger thanked the financial team for their service and Pastor Josh for his vision.

A motion to accept the 2023 treasurer's report was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Elders of Evangel had proposed the following amendment to Evangel's bylaws. Scott Hoovestol read the amendment as follows:

WHEREAS, the current bylaws of Evangel Assembly of God utilize the term "Elders" to refer to the members of its governing body.

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and beneficial to align the terminology with the structure and functions of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that every occurrence of the word "Elder" or "Elders" be struck from the Bylaws and the word "Board" or "Board members" be inserted to replace them as determined to be grammatically correct.

LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED, that Article 5 of the bylaws of Evangel Assembly of God be amended as follows:

"The Church is operated as a Corporation in accordance with N.D.C.C Chapter 10-33, otherwise known as the Nonprofit Corporation Act and, is subject to the Act, its Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws. The Church is governed by its Board of Directors."

Scott Hoovestol made a motion to adopt the proposed amendment to the bylaws to which there was a second. Jeff Rundio spoke to give insight on the terminology and what led to the Board proposing this amendment.

After an open discussion a secret ballot was distributed as *Article 19* of the Bylaws requires 2/3 approval of members present and voting for amendments to the bylaws. The amendment was approved with 123 votes for and 0 against the amendment.

PRAISE

Pastor Josh gave a praise report and shared how we are amid something amazing happening in our church! He read Psalm 105: 1-3 which says "Give thanks to the Lord! Call upon his name; Make known his deeds among the people! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!"

He spoke to some of the highlights from the last year such as:

- How God has tremendously blessed us financially.
- There were 419 baptisms.
- Over 1,500 people either made a commitment or recommitted their lives to Jesus.
- 1,762 people are in some kind of discipleship in our church.

- There were 2,600 new guests.
- Over 460 people went to Discover.
- There are over 339 people in our online campus. And that number could very well be higher as there are usually 2 to 4 people per device watching.
- Our weekend Easter attendance was 7,784.
- Unique Conference had 1,245 attendees.
- And how our amazing staff is stepping up to help wherever and whenever necessary.

He praised God for all the amazing things that are happening here at Evangel and the reach and impact we are having throughout the region and beyond. We are so grateful for all that God is doing!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm. Pastor Josh closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Hoovestol', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Hoovestol
Secretary, Evangel Board of Directors