

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
The Downtown Presbyterian Church congregation and Corporation
February 26th, 2023

A meeting of the members of The Downtown Presbyterian Church (DPC) congregation was held in the fellowship hall, & made available to join online via Zoom, on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

In Attendance: A quorum of active members of DPC was confirmed. Rev. Larissa Romero served as moderator for the meeting.

The congregational meeting of The Downtown Presbyterian Church was called to order by Rev. Larissa Romero at 12:31 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion from Ms. Zavaro to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Ms. Hayes; the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from 2021 Congregational Meetings:

Motion from Mr. Ridley Wills to approve the minutes from the congregational meeting on February 28 and November 28, 2021, seconded by Mr. D. Coleman; the motion carried.

Overview of the Pastoral Transition:

- a. PNC member Matt Abfalter provided an update on the work of the pastor nominating committee.
 - i. Requested prayers
 - ii. The committee is currently reviewing applications
- b. Rev. Romero shared her insights on her pastoral transition.
- c. There was a brief time for questions about the Pastor's annual report.

Election of At-Large Members of the 2023 Nominating Committee:

- a. Rev. Romero gave a quick overview of the roles and responsibilities of the nominating committee. The 2023 nominating committee will recommend members to serve on the session class of 2026 and the 2024 nominating committee.
- b. Current ruling elders Ms. Zavaro and Mr. Wills have been elected by session to serve on the 2022 nominating committee.
- c. **Motion** from the nominating committee to elect Paul Coffin, Erin Bell, and Faye Dickson to serve as at-large members of the 2023 nominating committee. The motion carried.

Project Thrive Report

Ms. Zavaro gave an overview of the work of the Project Thrive committee. They are continuing to meet as a DPC committee along with other churches participating in Project Thrive. The committee has been considering nonprofit partners and will need to gather information before any action is taken. A time for questions was offered to the congregation, none were received.

Rev. Romero reviewed the Project Thrive section of the annual meeting and shared how to access the information in the report.

Presentation of the 2023 Treasurer's and Budget Reports

Ms. Hayes shared an overview of the church's 2022 revenue & expenses. DPC continues to rely too heavily on the endowment. Work is being done to close the gap between rev/exp to rely less on the endowment. Ms. Hayes then shared the 2022 budget and answered questions from those in attendance. Session approved the 2022 budget, and, as such, it does not need a congregational vote of approval.

Mr. J. Byl thanked all in attendance for their continued financial support of DPC's mission and ministries over the past year. He noted that the church is currently seeking a 2024 treasurer.

Committee Reports:

Chairpersons for the various committees were invited forward to share highlights from their reports of the previous year's work. Each co-chair offered time to answer questions regarding their committees.

Upon the conclusion of the committee report presentations and the treasurer's report, members of the congregation were given an additional opportunity to ask questions. **Motion** from Ms. Gentry to approve the committee reports as presented, second by Mr. S. Coleman; the motion carried.

Recess of Congregational Meeting at 1:03pm

DPC Corporation meeting led by Stephanie Coleman
Adjournment of DPC Corporation meeting at 1:18 PM

Adjournment of the Congregational Meeting:

Motion from Mr. Hoobler to adjourn the congregational meeting at 1:19. The motion to adjourn does not require a second or congregational vote.

Rev. Romero led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Larissa Romero
Moderator
The Downtown Presbyterian Church

Erin Bell
Clerk of Session
The Downtown Presbyterian Church