

**Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**January 19, 2021**

Scott Schwake opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Minutes of the 10/20/20 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Jason Green made a motion to accept the minutes as written; it was seconded by Larry Curtiss, and the motion passed.
2. Financial Reports –
  - A. Financial Secretary Report – Marilyn Isaac presented the 2020 giving recap. General giving = \$399,869.54, designations = \$135,115.81, miscellaneous = \$22,942.87 for a total of \$558,721.22.

The 3-year Capital Campaign was finished in December 2020. This project is worthy of praise to God and will be celebrated. Marilyn gave this recap:

• Campaign commitments	\$483,640.00
• Total pledged	519,449.50
• Additional amounts given	<u>50,815.82</u>
Total amount given	\$ 570,265.32

- B. Treasurer Report – Ryker VanDrunen presented the 2020 Budget Performance Report. 2020 actual expenses were \$382,374.28 vs. \$429,251.20 budgeted expenses. Accounts as of 12/31/20 were as follows:

Checking	\$36,326.59
Building Fund	0.00
Cash Reserves	41,341.81
Capital Improvements	6,580.00
Capital Campaign	834.79
Designated Ministry Savings	340.18
Discretionary Savings	<u>49,285.65</u>
Total Cash in Bank	\$135,955.33

Jim Azure made a motion to accept both reports as presented; it was seconded by Rick Seeling, and the motion passed.

3. Sr. Pastor Report – Former Pastor Ken Abramson submitted a letter which is part of the Annual meeting packet.
4. Elder Board Report – Quintin Legler reported that the 3 main areas of focus for the Elders was to deal with the retirement of Ken and the process of his replacement, all the changes due to the pandemic, and developing a new strategic plan that fills our biblical mandate to make disciples.
5. Ministry Reports
  - A. Associate Pastor Report – Steve Wick recapped activities of Student Ministries, Young Adults and Community Groups.

- B. Children's Ministries – Sarah Schrapp recapped the challenges and changes due to the pandemic. Overall the summer events went well, and Preschool Sunday School classes have been growing; Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes will be added in the spring. The Preschool opened in the fall and have continued.
  - C. Men's Ministry – Larry Curtiss reported that 3 new men stepped up to lead groups. They will be following the strategic plan of disciple-making.
  - D. Women's Ministry – Kristen Panchyshyn reported that the women have had several successful bible studies as well as a few outdoor activities. Leadership training will be held in February, the IF Gathering in March, and a possible Spring Fling are being planned.
  - E. Legacy Builders – Gary Bordner reported that 4 grandparenting classes have been held, and that other events have stopped due to the pandemic. Information about grandparenting websites have been mentioned in the online church communications. The 2020 Legacy Coalition Summit has been postponed to October 2021.
  - F. Worship Ministry – Frank Gangi reported that the word of the year has been “adapt”. The team worked hard due to the pandemic to provide worship music and technology each week and did a great job! More people are needed to assist with the growing technology needs.
  - G. Missions Ministry – Marilyn Isaac reported that \$43,900 was given to missions in 2020.
  - H. Facilities Report – Scott Schwake stated there were many improvements to the church in 2020 and referred to the list in the Annual meeting packet. Because of the January 2020 shooting in a church in Texas the Elder Board initiated the installation of a video camera surveillance system. Quentin Legler stated that the Elders would like to form a security committee to work on increasing security within the church but so far have no volunteers.
6. Old Business – there was no old business presented.
7. New Business

- A. The 2021 budget was presented and was approved unanimously by membership ballot voting.
- B. The Elder Board recommended the following individuals for membership; Tom Geisler seconded the motion. Ballots were distributed and membership voted. All were approved.
  - Barry Pederson
  - Becky Pederson
  - Jeff Zerwas
  - Roxanne Zerwas
- C. Nominations for the following Board positions are as follows. Ballots were distributed and membership voted. All were approved.
  - Larry Curtiss – Elder Board
  - Dan Carlson – Elder Board
  - Matt Grose – Church Chairman
  - Ryker VanDrunen – Executive Board Treasurer
  - Scott Schwake – Executive Board Facilities Chair

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Harling, Board Secretary