

May 3, 2021 Daily Church Email

Yesterday 98 church members participated in the congregational meeting to vote on the expansion building project. The motion passed.

Here is a breakdown of the voting from yesterday:

67 in-person members: 37 yes, 30 no, 4 abstain

27 online members: 15 yes, 12 no

Totals: 52 yes, 42 no, 4 abstain

Percentage comparison of the yes/no votes:

In-person votes: 55.2% yes compared to 44.7% no

Online votes: 55.5% yes compared to 44.4% no

There will be many steps in the days to come. One of them will be fundraising in order to begin fulfilling the staged process for construction in the next years. To get the ball rolling, a private donor would like to extend a matching gift of \$100,000 in the next 45 days. Each dollar received by the church for the expansion project will be matched up to that \$100,000 cap. Please consider your generous role and voluntary participation in the near future and in the years ahead.

This week the Expansion Committee will be meeting to make the next steps. The Fundraising Committee will also be getting started.

We will remain firm in the faith of the generations that came before us who built this church, added on in the 1950's, created a Barn in the 1960's-1980's that keep that generation engaged. And now we will build on that legacy and leave our own.

Let us be a blessing to others. Let us respond in faithfulness and hopefulness. Let us lay aside our differences and work together. We are legacy receivers and we are legacy builders.

In Christ,
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