

January 10, 2023



**Dear PCF Members:**

Greetings! We hope you had a meaningful Christmas even though the unpredictable weather interrupted our normal routine. As we head into 2023, we're sending this update to prepare you for our annual progress meeting on **Sunday, January 29th at Noon**. Please mark your calendars! We will have lunch in the gym immediately after the service and will provide child care during the meeting. This year's meeting will be in person only, not online.

### **Looking Back**

As things get tighter for everyone financially, we are happy to report that we are ending 2022 financially strong and healthy! We want to thank the Lord for his faithfulness in providing for us again this year, and we also want to thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in giving. A more detailed financial report will be presented at the annual meeting.

At last year's meeting we approved a gift of \$15,000 to Buffalo Teen Challenge to fund their much needed bathroom remodeling project. They finished in November and are now enjoying their beautiful new facilities. It's great that we were able to bless them in this way.



Also at last year's meeting we voted to approve up to \$55,000 for a new playground. Our volunteers took down the old playground, D&H Excavating prepared the new site farther from the parking lot, King Swings came from Pennsylvania to do the installation, and our volunteers built the containment border and spread the rubber mulch. Our new playground turned out great at a final cost of \$42,297.52. Many thanks to all who helped with the work! This spring we plan to add some benches near the playground.

### **Looking Ahead**

There are no major expenditures planned for 2023, so the meeting may be a bit shorter this year. However, we would like to take a quick vote to make two small changes to the church Constitution and By-Laws. Under Article VII, "Meetings," Section 4 specifies that the annual meeting is: "to be held in January of each calendar year".

We are requesting this wording be changed to read: “to be held in the first quarter of each calendar year”. This would give us a little more flexibility with the date if needed.

The Constitution and Bylaws also lay out an agenda for the annual meeting. Item 4.f. states that we will give a report from the Sunday School Department, which currently does not exist. We are requesting this be taken out, since item 4g. leaves room for any and all departmental reports that need to be given.

Speaking of reports, our annual ministry reports will be available to view online at [pcfarcade.org/annualmeeting](http://pcfarcade.org/annualmeeting) starting the week of January 22nd.

### **Slate of Officers**

All voting will be done in person at the meeting this year, there will be no turning in votes ahead of time. Here is a list of the affirmations and votes on this year’s ballot:

Annual Affirmation of Pastors:

- Jeff Hokenson
- Scott Laird
- Joshua Wypij

Annual Affirmation of Elders:

- Tom Brittain
- Kathy Wypij
- Bob Schiefer
- Ben Heckathorn
- Henry Prutsman

A One Year Term for:

- Sharon Ameis — Recording Secretary
- Lisette Heckathorn and Jennifer Bliss — Treasurers for accounts payable
- Sue Schiefer, Anne Isaacs and Brenda Heckathorn — Treasurers for accounts receivable
- Dawson and Makayla Gallagher — Sunday School Superintendents

A Two Year Term for Deacons:

- Joe Labarbera
- Bucky Carder
- Dan Hoffmann
- Tami Williams
- Bridget Mochol

(In December we were saddened by the passing of our beloved sister Sonja Atzrott. Sonja served faithfully as one of our deacons and would have been up again this year for reelection. Just before her death she decided to step down from her position as deacon. We are grateful for her years of service and our hearts and prayers go out to John during this season of loss.)

A Three Year Term for Trustee:

- Lee Ameis

Once again, the important dates to remember are:

**January 22nd** — department reports available to view online

**January 29th** — annual progress meeting at Noon

Remember, as valued members of our church family it is your privilege and responsibility to attend the annual meeting — it is essential that we have a majority of the membership present in person. If you have any questions leading up to the meeting, please feel free to talk to any of us. We look forward to all that God is going to do in the year ahead!

Loving God and Loving people,

Pastors: *Jeff, Scott* and *Josh*

Elders: *Kathy, Tom, Bob, Ben* and *Henry*

Trustees: *Floyd, Mike* and *Lee*