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Dear SSC Members,

I would like to start off by thanking everyone for their attendance and participation at the 100-Year Celebration and Annual General Meeting on Sunday night. The night was both informative and entertaining. Thank you!

As Board Chair, it has come to my attention that there was an accidental error made by the scrutineers on calculating the percentages of votes cast. Here is how we discovered the error. In preparing the minutes for the AGM, we asked of the office to include the total number of votes for and against to ensure transparency. We had the number of votes in favour; we did not have a count of the total ballots. Once the total ballots were counted, it was realized the registration number used by the scrutineers for the voting percentages was not accurate for the business meeting. Some members left before voting in the business session. After careful review, these were the results:

Total votes cast: 163

Voting on By-Law Proposal 1: 117 in favour (71.78%)

Voting on By-Law Proposal 2: 135 in favour (82.82%)

Voting on By-Law Proposal 3: 109 in favour (66.87%)

This means that all three By-Law Proposals passed at the AGM on Sunday March 16th, 2025.

I was informed the next day, Monday March 17th, of these errors. In response, a Board meeting was immediately called for yesterday Wednesday, March 19th. The Board discussed this issue in great length.

Even though the three proposals passed, the Trustees recognize that concerns were raised by a minority of members present about proposals 1 and 3 in the AGM. We are inviting all members who have concerns to provide feedback directly to the Trustees. Please send this feedback to office@ssc.church, marking it in the subject as To the Trustees. It is important to honour and hear the voices of our members. It is our plan to return to the members with recommendations to strengthen our By-Laws and Policies.

I want to thank our scrutineers and office team for bringing this to my and the Boards attention. The scrutineers used the information they had at the time to do their job with integrity, even recounting the votes a second time to ensure accuracy in the number of votes in favour. Thank you to the church office for informing the Trustees once the discrepancy was discovered. As Trustees, we will also review our meeting procedures and policy to ensure clarity and guidance for those who manage voting in the future.

Thank you for your time and we await your feedback.

Regards,
Ron Goodine
Board Chair