

February 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 11:44 a.m. in the Chapel by President Chris Noyes who proceeded to establish a quorum.

Pastor Bill Knapp opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Following a motion duly made and seconded, the 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Chris Noyes as Chair, Brett Bostrack, Nathan Joynt and Terry Stuhlmacher, nominated Mark Grady, Gretchen Menard, Karen Sullivan and Peter Todd to serve three-year terms as Church Council Members. Jenny Kregel was nominated to serve a one-year term as a Church Council member and Eliana Lieungh was nominated to serve a one-year term in the position of Youth Representative. There were no further nominations.

A motion to accept and approve the slate of council members by a voice vote was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Chris Noyes thanked the outgoing Church Council members for their service.

Sandy Murphy delivered the Treasurer's Report. The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued a change for non-profit reporting, the result of which will be that the format of our financial statements will change. The church is in a strong cash position and net income for 2019 amounted to \$70,456, the second year in a row the church has ended the year with a substantial surplus. Actual receipts of pledges fell short of budget by about \$30,000 and investment income was up due to interest earned on bequests.

The church is forecasting a balanced budget for 2020. The budget reflects a decrease in the "non-pledged factor" from 9% to 8%, in line with recent experience. Total pledges toward the Building Faith Forward campaign approximate \$5.4 million.

In response to a question about the Simply Giving Program, Sandy noted that

participation continues to grow and the church currently receives monthly gifts in the range of \$30,000 to \$32,000 from this program, which helps to smooth out cash receipts.

Chris Noyes delivered the President's report, calling first on Building Committee Chair Matt Kirchner to offer an update on the building project. Chris thanked Matt, Appeal Leadership Campaign Chairman, Eric Lorenz and Building Committee member Jim Hoffman for their work on the building project. He also thanked the church staff and Pastors Bill and Bruce for the work they do in service to the congregation.

Pastor Bill thanked Sarah Kirchner for serving in the position of Youth Representative for the past year and welcomed the new Youth Representative, Eli Lieungh. He then thanked Chris Noyes for his service as Council President.

In response to a question, Pastor Bill provided an overview of the estimated timeline for the construction project. He then responded to a request to provide an update on the status of the Music Director search, noting that as the search continues, Council is considering whether the role might be filled by two people as opposed to one. We are blessed to have great interim people supporting our music program, including: Jim Kimmel, Jeff Shoemaker and fill-in organists who are better than many Church's full-time organists.

There being no further questions, no Old Business nor New Business to come before the Congregation, Pastor Bill led the attendees in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned by Chris Noyes at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Kirchner
Past President

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