

Annual HUU Congregational Meeting

May 26, 2019

1. Treasurer Rich Sider, in the absence of Moderator David Lane, called the meeting to order at 11:50 am and requested a show of hands by members establishing that requirements for a quorum for doing business was met.
2. **Past Year Review** – Rich Sider noted a number of highlights from the past year:
 - a. A great deal of work was done on the process to hire a Consulting Minister (see report below),
 - b. DCRE Paula Bennet has made a strong contribution to children’s programming, which is resulting in more families and children attending,
 - c. The HUU bylaws were updated and approved by the congregation,
 - d. Membership remains steady, which is more than can be said about many congregations at this time,
 - e. The women’s bathroom upgrade was a welcome improvement in the facility,
 - f. The Worship Committee and Caring Circle were called out especially for their excellent and diligent work.
3. **Board Member Election:** Rich Sider announced that two persons have indicated their willingness to serve from 2019 – 2022 beginning June 2019 - Jo Bowman and Linda Dirscherl – and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. As there were none, Jo Bowman and Linda Dirscherl were elected unanimously. David Lane has indicated his willingness to continue for a one - year extension, continuing as Moderator. Rich Sider stated that he is willing to stand for another two-year term as Treasurer. Both were elected unanimously.
4. **Consulting Minister Status Report:** Linda Dove, Chair of the Consulting Minister Search Committee, gave a report re: the process the three - member committee (Linda Dove, Rich Sider, and Pamela Beverage) have undertaken. There were 7 – 8 applications, and one person has emerged as a Consulting Minister candidate. The process is continuing, with a potential recommendation to the Board of Trustees in June. Several questions were asked about the process.
5. **FY 2020 Annual Budget:** Rich Sider gave an update on the 2018-2019 budget, indicating that several items were over budget, such as the cost for treatment of two and removal of three ash trees, as this were not originally budgeted for. However, expenditures are projected to be below budget for the year. The cost of the Women’s Bathroom was covered through the Building Reserve Fund. He then gave an overview of the proposed

2019-2020 budget. The new major expenditure would be for the hiring of a Consulting Minister in the fall of 2019. We would also be hiring an 8 – 10 hour a week Administrative Assistant. The additional cost of the Consulting Minister can be covered by the Ministerial Reserve fund. Questions were asked about how this new budget accounts for the Congregational Life Coordinator (CLC). Rich stated that the proposed budget reflects a one-month overlap with our current CLC and the new CM for a smooth transition. Motion made and seconded to adopt the proposed 2019 – 2020. The Budget was adopted with one no vote.

Following the vote on the Budget, with there being no other business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted

Jo Anne St. Clair
Secretary