

Congregation Annual Meeting, December 3, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Marshall Henry at 10:43 a.m. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

Moderator Henry stated that the purpose of the annual meeting is in accordance with our By-Laws to call a meeting each year on the first Sunday of December. It shall be recognized as a meeting of the corporation to conduct all business.

A quorum was present.

Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes – Motion by Susan Grant/support by Bruce Fredrick to approve the 2022 Annual meeting minutes. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report - Amy Buse gave the Treasurer's report. She recognized the financial team including Jan Cassidy, Bookkeeper, Deb Ducat, Financial Secretary, and herself as Treasurer. She noted that Deb Ducat plans to move from the area in mid-2024 and a new financial secretary will be needed. She indicated that the Church finances are in good shape. The proposed budget for 2024 includes expenses for a settled pastor for 6 months. The elevator repair project is moving forward with an anticipated implementation in January, 2024. She reviewed the costs associated with the project and the plan for paying all of the expenses. The Governing Board will be finalizing the 2024 budget after all of the pledges are received. Motion by Susan Grant, support by Don Stephen to accept the Treasurer's report. **Motion approved.**

Elder / Commission Reports - Moderator Henry asked the congregation to review all of the commission and committee reports in the Annual Report.

Approval of Amendments to the Bylaws

Motion by Bruce Fredrick/support by Susan Grant to amend Article V – Section A – reducing the Governing Board membership from 9 to 6. **Motion approved.**

Motion by Don Stephen/support by Roger Vajda to amend Article V – Section B – reducing the Governing Board quorum from 5 to 4. **Motion approved.**

Recognition of retiring Governing Board Members – Marshall Henry recognized retiring Governing Board members Deborah Ducat and Frank Hartley and thanked them for their commitment to the work of the Church.

Nominating Committee Report - Moderator Henry reported that there was no formal nominating committee this year. However, Erin Dumond and Kerry Rouech have agreed to serve a 3-year term on the Governing Board.

Election of Elders – Motion by Frank Hartley/support by Roger Vajda to elect Erin Dumond and Kerry Rouech to serve as elders for a term beginning on January 1, 2024. **Motion approved.**

Update to Congregation - Marshall Henry reviewed a lengthy list of ways in which members of the congregation have served the Church during 2023. He thanked all who have devoted their time and talents so that the Church can continue its message of service and caring for all God's children.

Presentation of 2023 Annual Report - Marshall Henry noted that all members present were provided with a copy of the 2023 Annual Report and encouraged them to review the report. Members who could not be present can contact the Church office to secure a copy.

Closing Prayer – The Congregation read a closing prayer together.

At 11:07 a.m., motion by Susan Grant/support by Don Stephen to close the meeting. **Motion approved.**

Respectively submitted

Delores K. Van Horn, Clerk