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St. John's UCC
Annual Congregational Meeting
January 29, 2017

Council President Dean Goldenstein called the meeting to order at 10:41 AM. President Goldenstein reminded the congregation that although we are conducting business we are in the church and should conduct ourselves in a respectful and prayerful manner. Reverend Smutz led an opening prayer. Council members then introduced themselves.

President Goldenstein asked if a quorum was present. Secretary Smith reported that 86 members were present and a quorum was established. The President then reviewed the agenda.

A **MOTION** was made by Warren Stemme and seconded by Deb Parker to approve the 2016 Congregational Meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Goldenstein invited members to read the reports in the Annual report at their convenience. He asked for the congregation to forward suggestions on how to improve the report

Nominating Committee (Danny Mueller, Chair)

Mr. Mueller represented the Committee (Stacia Bals, Linda Krumrey, Ricky Difani, Larry Songtag, Jan Boehm) and introduced the four candidates to fill four slots on Council: Glenn Borgard, Rick Difani, Barb Nichols and Mike Scherr. Rick Difani was nominated by a member of the congregation and recused himself during relevant Committee discussions. After prayerful consideration, Mr. Mueller made a **MOTION** to accept the slate as presented. A call for nominations from the floor was made. With none made, the motion was seconded by Harold Freiberger. The Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Goldenstein thanked the Committee for their work and thanked Carolyn Stecher for her contributions as a Council member.

Cemetery Board: Jan Boehm and Warren Stemme were nominated to serve a 3-year term on the Cemetery Board. A **MOTION** was made by Laura Ayers and seconded by Arland Stemme to approve the slate. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurers Report (Glenn Borgard)

Mr. Smith presented the 2016 Financial summary and 2017 Budget in Mr. Borgard's absence.

2016 Financials: Details of the 2016 financials are in the Annual Report. General Giving and Total Income giving were \$250,140 and \$364,207, respectively. Expenses were \$336,009, resulting in a \$28,198 surplus. However, there were extraordinary expenses of \$236,432 related to restoration of the community room, replacement of the roofs on the gym, sanctuary and parsonage as well as other repairs. St. John's received \$85,180 from insurance resulting in \$151,243 in costs that were paid for from General Giving, the Building Maintenance Fund and Building Permanent Reserve Fund. The Building Maintenance and Permanent Reserve Funds have been depleted and need to be restored.

2017 Budget: Input was collected from Council, Staff, Pastor and Congregation to build the 2017 Budget. The budget includes a 3% increase Compensation and costs associated with Search and Call efforts. The Total Income of \$359,000 and Expenses of \$348,500 result in a budget surplus of \$10,500.

Mr. Smith reminded the congregation that the Building Permanent Reserve Fund will need to be replenished to \$100,00 as directed by the by-laws.

A **MOTION** as made by Carolyn Stecher and seconded by John Bartelt to accept the 2017 Budget as presented. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Smith made a **MOTION** to use excess funds in the Mertz Fund to contribute to UCC 5 for 5 funds as directed by the Council. Warren Stemme seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Facilities (Mike Scherr)

Mr. Scherr thanked President Goldenstein for his tireless work in 2016 on the Church buildings in-light-of the restoration and many major repair projects. Mr. Scherr Warren Stemme for his work in leading the gym roof replacement and other projects. Other reports were:

- Carpet Cleaning
- Online Maintenance log
- Special thanks to Ken Ruff, Brad Notch, Harold Freiberger and Rick Difani for the efforts
- Thanks to Jeanne Clauson for her work in coordinated the landscaping efforts.

For 2017, the following items are priority: several A/C units will need replacing, drywall work in Fellowship Hall, Parking lot and exterior lights, parking lot surface. Comments from the congregation included making the entrance off Olive more visible at night and looking at the light that illuminates the stained glass rose window in front of the church.

Other Business (President Goldenstein)

- Search and Call: The committee has begun training and will keep us posted on activities.
- Land Sale: proceeding forward with no issues identified.
- Building Permanent Reserve Fund will need to be restored to \$100,000
- Thanks to Dick Rodgers for his generous donation of the new church organ in 2016

Other Business from the Floor

- Warren Stemme thanked Dean and Jeanne Goldenstein and the Council for their work in 2016
- Ellen Brandon thanked Rev. Smutz for his leadership as interim Pastor
- Rosie Bergh thanked Dean for his efforts.

David Dauster made a **MOTION** that was seconded by Jan Boehm to close the meeting at 11:35 AM. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.