

Congregational Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2013

Meeting called to order at 12:20 pm

Welcome, and congregation sang the hymn “Where Do We Come From”, led by choir members.

Congregational meeting minutes from May 20, 2012 were distributed and approved by congregational vote.

Where Do We Come From?

- The congregation made a list of what we accomplished this past year and then checked off each item.
 - Chalk mural
 - Welcomed an interim minister
 - Appointed a Ministerial Search Committee
 - Fond farewell for Rev. Darrel Richey
 - New Jim Crow Adult RE
 - New record high Annual Budget Drive
 - Ian Riddell’s ordination
 - Sustainable Saturday Night Dinners
 - JRUUC joined MOSES
 - Started Circle Suppers
 - 5th(?) annual Solstice Service
 - New RE class for 7+ graders
 - History timeline project
 - Listening circles
 - New approach to identifying stewardship – Fair Share Giving
 - New sound system, new podium, chalice, tables, and the ability to record sermons
- Recognition of leaders (members were asked to stand if they had done served in any of the many roles listed or had done any of the activities listed, until all were standing)

What Are We?

- Introduction to presentation by Nominating Committee by Heike, “We are members who responded to a call to be a leader in our congregation.”
- Andy Soth presented the slate of candidates from the Nominating Committee
 - Assistant Treasurer – Derek Peterson
 - Treasurer – Art Hackett (continuing)
 - Board members at large – Marla McFadden, Holly Anderson, Peggy Haack
 - President-elect Kim Reain
 - Nominating committee – Andy Soth, Mary Anglim, Mary Wagner
- Slate of candidates accepted by congregational vote.
- Budget, presented by Heike Saynisch
 - “We are the congregation that pledged enough to make some of our dreams come true.”
 - Appreciation was expressed for the new format of the budget
 - More information was provided on the Big Oak rental
 - Description of some items that we aspire for in the future
- The motion to approve the budget was made by Carin Bringelson and seconded by Molly Mitchell, and the budget was passed unanimously.

Where are We Going?

- Fair Compensation Guideline was presented by Rachel Avery with some questions answered by Rev. Marlene Walker.
 - Concerns were expressed that the exact costs of this commitment are not known.
- The motion to begin the process of becoming a Committed Fair Compensation Congregation (as defined by the UUA) was made by Holly Andersen and seconded by Virginia Harrison, Carin Bringelson and others and was passed unanimously.
- Covenant of Right Relations
 - Some members expressed concern/disagreement with specific language in the covenant and stated that they would have appreciated having the opportunity to review and comment on the draft document prior to the congregational meeting.
 - It was expressed that the Covenant is a living document and can be changed in the future.
 - Sandy Person moved to adopt the Covenant of Right Relations, it was seconded by Carin Bringelson, and it passed with a majority vote.

Life is a Riddle and a Mystery

- Virginia Harrison recognized the Ministerial Search Committee Members, who now have designated roles.
- Art Hackett announced the two winners of the snow lottery
- Megan Barry announced the many winners of the raffle

The meeting was adjourned.