

MINUTES OF THE 158TH ANNUAL MEETING

First Congregational Church of Saugatuck, MI

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Moderator Phyllis Yff called the meeting to order at 11:21am, and gave the opening prayer.

The motion to approve the minutes from the 2018 annual meeting by Connie Rusiecki and Kirke White passed.

Betty White read a list of those members who died during 2018.

After Pastor Sarah Terlouw, Moderator Yff and Diaconate Chair Linda Escott reviewed their reports printed herein, Pastor Sarah briefly described the process of creating a new position called Christian Education Director, for which Karen Holstein has been hired. She asked for prayers for Diana Theilgaard-Hoppe, our former Sunday School Superintendent, who is resuming treatment for cancer. Pastor Sarah also thanked Linda Kinnaman, Joan Lamb and Kathy Plapp, who have been leading the Sunday School classes during Diana's long medical leave.

A campaign kick-off letter "Under the Roof" was distributed to each member to explain the process of funding the replacement of the church roof, including a pledge statement. The proposed budget for 2019 contains a \$60,000 item for this purpose. Some members have issued a matching fund challenge of \$5000 to the congregation. Although the estimates for the roof came in at \$50-55,000, other needed repairs can be covered by the \$60,000 item.

Treasurer Brad Rudich presented the proposed 2019 budget totaling \$177,809. Cathy Brockington made a motion, supported by Pat Gentry, to accept the 2019 budget, and the motion carried.

Ralph Birkholz commented that directional signage on Hoffman and Griffith Streets needs to be repaired or replaced, and we need to do a better job of advertising ourselves.

The new constitution of 2019 was presented. It outlines a new governance structure based on a "Board of Ministry" instead of "Prudential Board," containing four officers, Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Congregational Way Captain (delegate), plus six other captains in charge of Building/Grounds, Community Life, Christian Education, Worship Arts, Stewardship/Missions, and Congregational Care. Connie Rusecki made a motion, supported by Linda Escott, to approve the new Constitution. Motion carried.

The Slate of Nominations follows:

- Moderator, Phyllis Yff (2 years)
- Treasurer, Brad Rudich (2 years)
- Clerk, Jana Rudich (2 years)
- Congregational Way/Delegate, Cathy Brockington (2 years)
- Community Life Captain, Linda Kinnaman (3 years)
- Christian Education Captain, Linda Escott (3 years)
- Stewardship/Missions Captain _____ (2 years)
- Worship Arts Captain, Kristin Boyce (2 years)
- Congregational Care Captain _____ (1 year)
- Building/Grounds Captain, Cindy Raue (1 year)

Motion to accept this slate by Kirke White/Linda Kinnaman carried.

A poster was unveiled showing the theme for 2019 "In the Beginning" and the missions: Spring, Habitat for Humanity; summer, community garden; fall (Thanksgiving) Interact Club of Saugatuck High School, CROP, and Christian Neighbors baskets; winter, Christian Neighbors Christmas offering and giving tree, and Love Fund for Christmas Eve.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm. Betty A. White, Clerk