



### **Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

Anna Carvalho, Governing Board (GB) Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:12am; Anna opened with a prayer

### **Approval of the Minutes of the 01/30/22 Congregational Meeting**

There was a motion to *dispense* of the reading of the minutes put forth by Terese Thrall with a second by Brooke King LaBreck. The motion to *approve* the minutes from the 01/30/22 Congregational Meeting was put forth by Teresa Thrall with a second by Jody Scariano. The minutes were approved as written.

### **Approval of the 2021 Annual Report**

There was a motion to *approve* the 2021 Annual Report put forth by Doug King with a second by Diane King. The annual report was approved as written.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob Norby shared that FCC was notified in February as the recipient of a bequest from the estate of longtime member Nancy VanLaten. Nancy found great comfort and solace in her church family according to the estate. We received a partial distribution of \$75,000 with another distribution of the same amount anticipated by late 2022. Governing Board approved tithing the Board of Faith in Action \$7,500 with another distribution of the same amount when the final distribution is received.

Bob reported a budget deficit of \$103,000 (approved at the 01/30/22 Congregational Meeting). Pledges are slightly ahead through May of this year. We are in a strong cash position but Bob noted cautionary concern for inflation and Finance is looking into holding the cash in vehicles such as CDs, in order to earn some interest.

Bob expressed thanks to the Finance Committee – those serving, those leaving, and those coming on board.

There was a motion to *accept* the Treasurer's Report put forth by Jody Scariano with a second by Doug King. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. For more detail, view the 2021-2022 Annual Reports presented at the meeting and available here:

[https://www.fccfaithful.org/files/ugd/c84d1d\\_7dea348b62fc44d7a694a57243c741c6.pdf](https://www.fccfaithful.org/files/ugd/c84d1d_7dea348b62fc44d7a694a57243c741c6.pdf)

Bob noted the Audit Report that was conducted by Dan Laven. It was the first time in a generation that an audit report of church finances was completed. Dan acknowledged the conscientious and cooperative support of FCC staff and said all funds were accounted for to the penny. He thanked Judy Jensen and Jamie Ford. There was a motion to *accept* the Audit Report put forth by Lois Glasgow with a second by Rebecca Courington. The Audit Report was approved as written.

### **Nominating Committee Report – Terese Thrall**

Terese Thrall referred to the new members of Governing Board, and Board and Committee members as published in the agenda. One correction that was not published but was approved by the Nominating Committee and the Governing Board was the addition of Bradley Byrd, in place of Kenny Maxie, who is moving out of the area. He will serve as the Secretary for a three-year term. The slate was approved by Nominating and the Governing Board; the Congregation voted in favor of the slate with a voice vote.



Pastor Julie said that we are not all familiar with new members or the gifts of existing members so she asked congregants to envision themselves welcoming new members and visitors and getting to know our stories – and if that is your gift then consider being part of the Nominating Committee.

Pastor Julie spoke about Christian Education, particularly adult education. She would like to create a special task force to explore adult spiritual formation and is seeking those who might help her organize the effort. She asked those with a passion for spiritual formation to consider taking on this role; you can contact her directly.

Stewardship was also mentioned and Pastor Julie said the focus will be on abundance...and it will be fun. Those appreciative of the gift of abundance and interested in steering FCC forward should consider a role on Stewardship.

### **Governing Board Chairperson Comments**

Anna Carvalho noted highlights from her tenure as GB Chair including but not limited to the search and hire of a new pastor, reestablishing the music ministry, navigating the pandemic, expanding FCC's view and approach to becoming antiracist, numerous community-related initiatives, Appreciate Inquiry, and ongoing worship, education, and care. She noted that the world is challenged and we often awake feeling unsafe and discouraged. Anna said that Jesus had the same challenges over 2000 years ago. However, He offered *love*. And perhaps we need to let God's love flow through us unimpeded, getting out of the way to let love move through us and with us. Anna closed by passing the baton to new Governing Board Chairperson Janet Bolton.

### **Pastor Comments**

Pastor Julie talked about how we need one another and how we have regained our balance, regathered, and regrouped in a post-pandemic world. She captured some thoughts for the year ahead:

- It is up to us to invite more people to gather with us including those who have not come back yet. Invite. Invite. Invite.
- Some of us are aging and young families are overwhelmed so how do we ignite people to gather without guilt or overburdening? She encouraged us to find opportunities to lean in whenever possible.
- We want to reach young people between 20-30 years of age to gather with us. Let's be the community for people in that age group
- Long range vision is working with senior church members to find new ways to for this age group to continue to serve and connect.
- Pastor Julie thanked Travis Adams for supporting pastoral care in the interim before a new assistant is named; we are looking forward to a new Pastoral Care Associate. Pastor Julie thanked Leslie Maxie for her gift to the Children's Ministry and is anxious to see who God will bring next.
- Many thanks went to the FCC staff for their support and contributions on a daily basis and also many thanks to the outgoing Board members.
- While Pastor Julie remains always available to us, she envisions 'front porch gatherings' so we can stop by, chat, see what is going on. Stay tuned

### **Questions and Comments**



Ben VanVoorhees acknowledged how hard things have been and thanked the church for getting us through it all. Trina Hayes sent a (remote) thank you to the entire FCC staff.

**Recognition of Outgoing Governing Board Elders**

Anna thanked the following individuals for their gifts with very kind words:

- Rebecca Courington – Christian Education and Vice Chair
- Sue Durkin – Diaconate
- Kenny Maxie – Board Secretary
- Chris McManus - Stewardship
- Bob Norby – Finance
- Terese Thrall – Nominating
- Pastor Julie acknowledged Anna Carvalho noting her steadfast service during COVID, how she led us to collectively act against racism; welcomed Pastor Julie with warmth and generosity; engaged GB members with sincerity and integrity; and said the role as GB chair seemed to expand Anna’s love and trust in Jesus to transform her personally because she tangibly radiates Christ’s love. Anna was presented with a stained glass piece of art.

**Closing Prayer**

Julie offered a closing prayer and song

There was a motion to *adjourn* put forth by Doug King with a second by Lois Glasgow. The motion to was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55am

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Riffice