

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

July 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Governing Board Chair, Shari Sweeney, at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present. Shari Sweeney offered the opening prayer.

The annual meeting of the FCC Foundation was held, conducted by foundation board president Lois Glasgow.

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A motion was made to dispense with reading minutes. The motion carried. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept as written the minutes of the July 2016 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and January 2017 Midyear Congregational meeting. The motion carried.

As required by our Constitution the 2016-2017 Annual Report of Boards, Committees and Staff was presented. A motion was made and seconded to receive this report. The motion carried. Roberta Sergeant announced that the Women's and Men's Association is still up and running, and their report is to come. The program schedule is being planned, and Bargain Box sales proceeds are funneled through the Women's and Men's Association to local charities.

Chris Riedel, Chair of the Finance Committee and Church Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to approve and adopt the proposed budget for July 1 through December 31, 2017. Motion carried. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant ongoing authority to continue spending at the same levels from the end of fiscal year 2017 (12/31) to the time of the January 2018 Midyear Congregational Meeting, when a new budget will be presented for fiscal year 2018. A formal stewardship campaign will be launched in the fall according to the new fiscal year timeline (shifting from a July 1-June 30 FY to a calendar FY).

Karen Hoag, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Slate for 2018-2020. A motion was made to approve the proposed slate of Elders, Board and Committee members. The motion carried.

Bob Norby, Chair of the Long Range Vision Committee, presented FCC's newly adopted Welcome Statement, a more formal statement about greater diversity, acknowledges FCC's commitment to being open and affirming. The statement was crafted by the LRVC and approved by the Governing Board after a year of discussions and programming. Bob also summarized the programming around aspects of diversity over the last year.

Shari Sweeney recognized and thanked outgoing Governing Board Elders. The commissioning of new elders and board and committees will take place August 20. As Chair of Governing Board, Shari presented comments on the past and upcoming year, including: exploring and expanding our commitment to "cherishing diversity" as a congregation and the newly adopted Welcome Statement; our support for the resettlement of a Syrian family in Chicago; Lighthouse LGBTQ events; the community engagement focus that resulted from strategic planning sessions in the spring, and the new Focus Elder who will help develop, coordinate, and implement community engagement efforts; maintaining church facilities with funding provided by the FCC foundation and in particular upgrading the Community House property to support our goals related to greater community engagement; and recognition of new and retiring staff.

Pastor Fred Lyon offered closing comments and a closing prayer.