

Minutes for UUCB Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Held on Zoom with zoom poll and voice voting

Present: 63 Congregational members Quorum is met (at 45). Registration listed at the end.

11:31 President Gay Canough calls the meeting to order

11:32 Review of procedures for Zoom voting.

- Test vote:

Motion:(Board) I can hear the leaders of this meeting.

Second: no second needed

Vote: Yes: 55 No:0 Abstain:0 Ineligible: 0

Motion passes.

11:40 Minutes from previous Congregational Meeting of September, 20, 2020 Congregational Meeting

Annual Meeting Minutes for June 2020 were approved at the September Meeting. September's Congregational Meeting minutes were shared with congregation in packet of materials sent out for this meeting. There were no corrections or additions.

11:46 Motion (Kate Thorpe): **To accept of September 20, 2020 Congregational Minutes as written and reviewed.**

Second: Darlyne Mitchell

Vote: Yes: 53 No: 1 Abstain: 3 Ineligible: 0

Motion passes.

11:49 Slate of Candidates for Officers, Trustees, and Elected Committee Members

- **Note one change. Pat Chirumbolo has withdrawn her candidacy for Membership Committee. Ron Clupper has accepted that candidacy.**

11:50 Motion(Carl Cohen) **To approve the Slate of Officers, Trustees and Committee Members as presented with change noted above.**

Second: (Shawn Steketee)

Vote: Yes: 58 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Ineligible: 0

Motion passes.

11:56 Budget

- Review of budget proposal
 - Explanation of PPP Loan
 - No estimates for space rental included in this budget. If and when we are able to offer that, income will be additional.
 - Still a budget line for gas despite GSHP as we have a gas powered hot water furnace as our backup and our GSHP installers recommended to maintain a gas budget until we know all is well and exactly how much gas we may need. New stoves are electric.
 - Payments for loans (Visions and Endowment) are included in this budget.
 - Pointed out that we can always pay down loans quicker if we have the means.
 - Question regarding uses of money left to church in wills. If money is left with no specification as to use, small amounts are put in our Memorial Fund, large amounts are put in our Endowment Fund. It is possible to designate your wish as to how funds are spent, for example specify to pay down debt or for a directed gift.

12:04 Motion: To approve UUCB 2021-2022 Budget as presented.

Second: no second needed

Vote: Yes: 58 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Ineligible: 0

Motion passes.

12:07 Endowment Loan

- Our Endowment Committee has elected to loan UUCB \$100,000 to be repaid with 5% interest, but interest only payments for the first 5 years. This was originally intended as part of a bridge loan to fill the lag should Capital Campaign funds be too slow in coming in to pay construction bills as they came due. However, it was not needed for that purpose thanks to so many prompt payments.
- Our current parking lot is insufficient for our needs – especially when it comes to handicapped and mobility challenged congregants.
- Plans drafted by Madeline Cotts for Front Parking shared. Pointing out 2 handicapped spaces right in front of the doors and 7 mobile challenged spots across the drive.
- The best bid we received was \$68,000 for the front parking alone
- We are seeking a small zoning variance and waiting for this. Note that cost could rise somewhat over time.
- Proposing to use \$80,000 of the Endowment Loan for this parking lot project. It will add to our long term loan and may impact our future giving with a 2% increase
- Discussion:
 - What is balance of Endowment Fund? – about \$260,000 before the loan
 - Is front signage included in the proposal? – no, only signage for parking spaces. In addition, will need city approval for any signage changes. Will likely be a directed giving drive for this in the future.
 - Is it likely that we will have additional costs to repair rear parking lot? Yes, but we are not addressing that today.

12:18 Resolution: Authorize and approve the Board of Directors of the Congregation to engage a professional contractor to make improvements to the front parking lot and lawn of the the Church premises located at 183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY 13905 with a project budget and TOTAL long term debt not to exceed Four-Hundred and Thirty Thousand dollars (\$430,000).

Second: no second needed

Vote: Yes: 57 No: 1 Abstain: 1 Ineligible: 0

Motion passes.

12:21 Point of Privilege: Douglas Taylor (Minister) thanks Gay Canough for her leadership through this process, Madeline Cotts for multiple services offered throughout the renovation process and Pat Kissick, Gay Canough and Kate Thorpe for their service on the Board from which they are retiring.

12:25 Carl Cohen moves to Adjourn meeting. Lois Einhorn seconds. Passes unanimously.

12:25 Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Thorpe, Board Clerk.

Registration for Congregational Meeting of June 13, 2021 – Zoom Congregational Meeting

1. Jeff Donahue
2. Kate Thorpe
3. Amanda Jones
4. Monika Friedrich
5. Vicky Gordon
6. Gay Canough
7. Irwin Cohen (?)
8. Laura Cohen(?)
9. Barbara Nordstrom
10. Steve Kresge
11. Becca Boeger
12. Sally Kendell
13. Tracy Hollands
14. Lynne Theophanis
15. Berdell Boss
16. Carolynn Boss
17. Christine McWhirter
18. Bonnie Siegel
19. Carl Cohen
20. Carrie Greenstrom
21. Becky Greenstrom
22. Christine Niskanen
23. Darlyne Mitchell
24. Dorothy Haverly
25. Ellen McNulty
26. Ferd Haverly
27. Gloria Thompson
28. George Allen
29. Heather Kirkland
30. Jeff Deacon
31. Joan Hebb
32. Joy Farley
33. Bill Farley
34. Kathleen Mckenna
35. Kim Yously-Elsner
36. Lily Theophanis
37. Lois Einhorn
38. Maddy Parker
39. Madeline Cotts
40. Marilyn Angelo
41. Matthew Parker
42. Nathan Elsner
43. Pat Chirumbolo
44. Pat Kissick
45. Ron Kissick
46. Scott Husted
47. Shawn Stekete
48. Sondra Pruden
49. Suzanne Thrasher
50. Tammy Nist
51. Trebbe Johnson
52. Wes Ernsberger
53. Janice Fiore
54. Suzanne Sullivan
55. Paul Bange
56. Vicky Bange
57. Debbie Herman
58. Andrea Palmeri
59. Julie Boyd

*Quorum met

46. Romney White
47. Ron Clupper