

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday October 30, 2019

Chapel 1:22pm

Lunch was Pot Luck provided by members.

Chalice lighting and the song "Don't Laugh at Me" by Peter, Paul, and Mary presented by President Jim Holmes

Roll call by Secretary David Dyer. 20 members present and 38 total counting proxies. A quorum was obtained, as well as 2/3 majority.

Minutes from the May 21st, 2019 Congregation Meeting were read. The following corrections were noted:

- * Welcoming Congregation application was submitted for approval by Amy, not Jack
- * Share the Bowl decision was moved to Fall meeting
- * L.D. is on the Nominating Committee
- * Elbert is on the Committee of Ministry
- * Adoption of Conference goals- made 8 goals instead of 3

With corrections acknowledged, minutes were approved by consensus.

Lisa Cates presented the revised Congregational Behaviour Covenant. Joyce moved and Marion seconded. Was approved by consensus.

Jim led discussion on many of the annual reports:

* Art Fest; Adrian was acknowledged for her work on Art Fest, Childrens Clothing Swap and the Game Night she initiated.

* Building and Grounds; Marilyn discussed moving the playground to the south lawn to provide additional parking in the present playground area. Also, some minor leaks in irrigation system were mentioned.

- * Caring Team; it was determined Kelly's schedule does not allow her to lead the Team at this time.
- * Community Outreach; Discussed need for an Outreach Coordinator.
- * Facilities; need to have the Arts and Crafts area finished. Jim has worker lined up for back stairs.
- * Little Free Library; Does have some traffic. Help stock, as are able.
- * Long Range Planning; The team is monitoring this year's activity and will present an adjusted plan in May.
- * North Texas UU Congregations; Marla discussed the TX UU Justice Ministry position being open.
- * Religious Education; need this position filled
- * Social Justice; need this position filled
- * Web of Life Monarch Waystation; The Waystation is a success. David walked with Linn and observed one plant with 10 or more Monarchs, as well as, several other varieties of Butterflies.

There was a review of our current congregational annual goals.

Discussion on Pathway to Membership process: Currently there is no policy. Marion suggested several options that could/ should be implemented.

- *commit to contribute financially
- *participate as Greeters, Food Team, etc.
- *Support the awareness of our diversity

Marilyn moved to approve this, Marla seconded. Approved by consensus.

Jim read a proposed 'Statement of Conscience. Robert made motion to approve, Elbert seconded. Was approved by consensus.

Jim discussed a Bylaw change to reference the Pathway to Membership addition added to the

Policies and Procedures Manual. Robert made a motion to approve, Marilyn seconded. Approved by consensus.

Jim led discussion on grant ideas. Several were mentioned:

*parking situation/ security system/ lighting in sanctuary/ streaming video--- the Board will come to a conclusion on this.

Dick led discussion on our 'Share the Bowl' policy. It was recommended we change cash donations from one Sunday a month to every Sunday. This was approved by consensus. It was suggested Grayson Shelter and Earth Day ~~might could~~ be put in the budget. Others mentioned were UNO and Grayson County Gay Pride.

Open Discussion: There was talk of changing the name of the Clara Barton room to Gil Alexander. On-line voting was proposed as an option. No decision was reached.

At 2:59 Dick made the motion that we adjourn. Rhonda seconded.

Prepared by David Dyer

