

13th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2023

- 1) **Call to Order** The annual meeting was called to order by Liz Sackett at 11:57am. Liz welcomed all who attended.
- 2) **Quorum Determined** Liz determined a quorum of 10%, minimum of 9, was met.
- 3) **Opening Prayer by Chaplain** Prayer Chaplain Therese Finn guided us in an opening prayer.
- 4) **Liz introduced the current Board of Directors** - Donna Rigueira, Vice President; Dean Saulmon, Treasurer; and Kathi Harrison, Secretary; Sally Guerra and Sid Lane, Liz Sackett President, and Rev. Tommy DeLeon.
- 5) **Minutes from Last Annual Meeting in 2022 Reviewed and Approved**
 - a) The minutes from our previous annual meeting in March of 2022 were available at the meeting and were made available for the several weeks on our website prior to the meeting. We also provided a link in the newsletter.
 - b) There was no discussion about the minutes as submitted.
 - c) Donna Sue moved to accept the minutes as written and Dean seconded the motion.
 - d) The motion was approved. The minutes stand as read and approved.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report** *see attached slides*
 - a) Dean Saulmon presented the Treasurer's Report for 2022 and our Budget for 2023. He answered questions from the membership. Liz provided Dean with a thank-you gift from the membership. Treasurer's report was approved.
- 7) **Ministry Reports.** Reverend Tommy gave his ministry report for 2022. He feels very encouraged by the high energy and the growing congregation.
 - a) Location – He reviewed our location search that brought us to The Oaks. We need a steady location and we decided to book the Oaks for the whole year. We need something in the future because we're outgrowing this space. Sid and Connie are working to help maximize our space here at the Oaks for now.

- b) One of his main goals has been to provide positive spirit-filled energy with each Sunday lesson. He brought in Laughter's the Best Medicine. Between word of mouth and our new signs, we've been bringing in more people. He wants to keep our music growing and to increase the music offering with a choir.
- c) Streaming – he felt that Zoom was not the answer for our service. We eased out of Zoom and created our own You Tube channel. We now have Alison as our streaming technician and the YouTube channel is free.
- d) We brought on a new administrative assistant – Maria – who has brought in a fresher, younger approach which is also having a very positive effect.
- e) Chaplaincy program – we have five incredible new chaplains being trained by Therese.

8) Spiritual Home Search Team Report. (See attached slides)

- a) Yolanda Logan, chair of the Spiritual Home Search Team, presented her report. Yolanda provided information that was gained from the Town Hall Meeting. The Search team plans to meet every other week. She reviewed the steps to start up the Spiritual Home Fund and they are collecting information from the printed survey. She advised that anyone can submit donations online as well as in the collection for the Spiritual Home Fund.

9) President's Report. (See attached report)

- a) Liz reviewed the location plans, Rev. Tommy's Podcast Back to the Garden and that his lessons are posted in YouTube each week. Our online service and presence are growing. Mike Gaddell will do biographically blogs for us. Maria has many great ideas to help us grow.
- b) Location fund will be started this month.
- c) Volunteer appreciation luncheon and training went very well. We now have more Sunday school teachers, a Hospitality team and coordinator, greeters and bookstore coverage. She also reviewed the status of the Fun and Fellowship committee, the Benevolence Team, the Prayer Team, the Angel Team, and the Children's Ministry.

10) Acknowledge ALL New Members from 2022-2023

- a) In August 2022 we held our New Membership Classes which were well-attended, and on September 11th we welcomed over a dozen new members. For our annual record, those new members are:

Barbara Buchak	KayLynn Lyon	Debbie Derr
Dolores Hailey	Elle Michel	Ellen Warren
Sheweia Jones	Kathryn Wortz	Bonnie Bartman
Jill Koch	Judy Kneisley	

- b) We also welcomed five additional new members who have transferred here to USCG from other Unity Churches where they had many years of service. They are Pret Diffie, Judy McClenaghan, Ingrid Sarrat, Patrick Hickey, and Tom Howard.

11) Nominating Committee and Election of new Board Members

- a) Liz introduced Therese who reported that the nominating committee was formed to conduct a search for qualified people to fill the positions coming open on the Board of Trustees in 2023. Members were Therese Finn, (chairperson), Alice Cooper, Donna Rigueira and Rev. Tommy.
- b) The two members of the board completing their terms in 2023 are Lizabeth Sackett and Dean Saulmon.
- c) She reported that Lizabeth has served one term as Board President, and has decided to run for reelection to another full term. Her Statement of Interest was approved by the nominating committee.
- d) After serving two consecutive terms as Board Treasurer, Dean is ineligible to run in this election. Patrick Hickey submitted a Statement of Interest to run for the open position and was approved by the nominating committee.
- e) She reported that the candidates' bios and qualifications have been available on our website and in the newsletter.
- f) Therese provided our slate of candidates for 2023 - Lizabeth Sackett and Patrick Hickey for the open board positions. She read the qualifications and limitations for Board membership and confirmed that the two candidates met all requirements.
- g) Donna Rigueira thanked the nominating committee for their hard work and reviewed the election procedures. Since we have an equal number of members running for the board as positions open, we were allowed to elect by voice votes. She called for voice votes and the Ayes have it. Liz and Patrick have been unanimously elected to the Board of Directors.
- h) Liz reported that in addition to this election, one of our Board Members, Sid Lane, has decided to resign from the Board, but he will still be participating on the Spiritual Home Search Team. Sid was completing Brenda Ford's term, which is not complete until 2024,

so this creates a vacancy on the Board. She reported that the Board has reached out to another of our new members, Tom Howard, and Tom has agreed to fill this vacancy for the next year. This appointment needed to be confirmed today by the membership and a voice vote was held. Tom was unanimously voted in to complete Sid's term of office.

12) Election of Nominating Team Members for 2023

- a) Liz reviewed the qualifications for the Nominating committee.
- b) The floor was open to nominations for a member at large to serve on the nominating team. Bryan Mitchell nominated.
- c) The floor was opened to nominations for an alternate to serve on the nominating team. Nancy Witthoeft was nominated.
- d) Voice voting commenced and the Ayes have it. Bryan and Nancy are the new members of the nominating committee.

13) Adjournment

- a) The question was raised if there was any other business to discuss. Sid Lane discussed meeting Tom Howard and his satisfaction that Tom would now be on our Board.
- b) Alice moved to adjourn; Dean seconded. The Ayes had it and meeting was adjourned.
- c) Board position elections held after the meeting – Patrick will be treasurer – Liz will stay on as President, Donna will stay on as Vice President, and Kathi will stay on as Secretary. Board member to stand on the Nominating committee will be determined at next Board Meeting.