

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Congregational Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2020

**Call to order:** Debbie Gregg

**Quorum count:**

With 48 members in attendance a quorum was obtained

**Opening and prayer:** Wendy Bruner

**Approval of July 2019 congregational meeting minutes**

Ann Wilson moved to approve the July 2019 Congregational Meeting minutes, Bob Risk second, approved unanimously

**State of the Congregation:** Debbie Gregg

GB President, Debbie Gregg read the Mission and Vision approved in July 2019. She then reflected that both statements require action and action requires change. Debbie pointed out that even though change is often scary we are fortunate to be a safe, faith-bound group committed to these core ideas.

Debbie went on to give a brief review of the year at Peace UCC and how our initiatives lead us back to our powerful Mission and Vision. A Welcoming Team was added in 2019. The Welcoming team has started a program called the Care Network. Peace offers many opportunities to work with MCU- Metropolitan Congregation United to address systematic changes needed. Many opportunities are available to the children of our congregation through participation in Sunday service, music programs, youth groups, OWLs and Sprouts of Peace. We have challenges facing us such as 2021 Budget, ways to generate new revenue, and the future of the 212 property. In 2019, Peace has moved to a new financial system due to Paul Kachulis stepping down. Finally, Peace is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year and we are still in need of volunteers that can provide recent history.

**Reception of team reports**

Team leaders and Governing Board officers were recognized.

Team reports were offered up for any questions or comments.

**Peace UCC Foundation report:** Nancy McDonald

Nancy reported that the Governing Board made a request to the Foundation to raise the usual contribution of 4.5% to 7% to help balance the 2020 budget. The Foundation agreed to the 7%. It was pointed out the 4.5% is considered the sustainable amount and the plan for the future is to return to the previous amount.

Jeff Davis moved that Clarence Myers and David Ban be re-elected to the Foundation Board. Dee Ban second, approved unanimously.

**Anniversary update:** Sarah Webster

Sarah Webster presented highlights of activities from the past year and introduced the Marilyn Stavenger Justice Symposium. The first symposium will occur in April 2020 with three guest speakers. Two of the guest speakers Starsky Wilson and Cassandra Gould were both former students of Marilyn.

**Approval of strategic plan:** Ben Allen

Ben Allen reviewed the development of the Strategic Plan.

Ben Allen moved to approve the Strategic Plan as presented by the Governing Board.

Discussion, Call for vote: Approved, 1 Abstained

**Financial presentation:** Ben Allen

Ben Allen gave an oral review of the giving and budget process.

Ben Allen made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget as prepared by the Governing Board.

Discussion: Scott Guerrero addressed the concern regarding the reduction of a lawn care provider. Scott presented an amendment to the proposed budget.

Scott Guerrero moved the congregation authorize the Facilities Team to spend up to \$20,000 from the Capital Fund to the purpose of repairing broken railings and concrete sidewalks, stairs and all entrances to the 204 Building. The line item in the proposed budget of \$10,000 for sidewalk repairs will be eliminated and from this savings \$4,000 will be added to the Facilities Team budget for lawn maintenance, to be used if necessary. Ken Ulmer second.

Discussion

Call for vote on amendment. Amendment passed.

Call for a vote of 2020 Budget including amendment. Passed.

**Miscellaneous:**

Ben Allen Thanked Paul Kachulis for his years of dedication to the church.

**Closing:** Wendy Bruner

Cindy Tesdall moved the congregational meeting adjourn, Scott Guerrero second, motion passed

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by Cindi Myers, GB Secretary