

SEAGRAVE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Feb 26th 2023

John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present:

John Olivero, Rick McAskill, Wyn Hughes, Harry Vandenberg, Donna Kent, Betty Somerville, Joan Lee, Linda Buscher, Betty Lou Beacock, Carol Coleman, Eleanor Sturman, Rev. Stephanie and Tara Bailey Taylor was via Zoom.

Rev. Stephanie opened the meeting with a prayer.

Tara put forth the motion to allow adherents voting privileges at this meeting. Linda 2nd. Carried

A motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of Sept 25th, 2022 was made by Betty Lou and seconded by Harry. Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

John thanked Rev. Stephanie for our combined Christmas Eve service via Zoom. Our service in church was cancelled due to weather and the service by Zoom was lovely.

Wynn made a motion to adopt the reports as written. These reports are available online. Discussion followed.

John said there is one error. We at Seagrave actually have 40 members and not 39.

Treasurers Report: Carol handed out copies of her report. Carol said Doug Watson is asking for an increase of \$12,000. Seagrave's share from the sale of the manse was \$77,385.00 but we can't access that but we can use the interest on that money. The money was invested for at least 4 years. We can use the interest to pay our debts. There followed a discussion on this interest. We will also have to do more fundraising. Carol made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Rick 2nd. All in favour.

Wynn made a motion to approve the Nominating Committee Report. Eleanor 2nd. Betty Lou made a motion to remove the "5 churches rep" from this report. Linda 2nd. Carried.

Betty made a motion to accept all the reports. Rick 2nd. Carried.

New business:

1. John and Rev. Stephanie have revised the Historical Roll. Inactive members have been removed. There are 40 active members.
2. Betty Lou is attending the World Day of Prayer". Asked if anyone else would like to go. Eleanor will and possibly Betty.
3. The Joint Session meeting is Friday Mar 10 at 2:00.
4. Betty brought up that a lot of people are not at this meeting. She is envious of Greenbank and how they are such an active church. Discussion followed. We need to look at ways to use our church and perhaps have a meeting on just that. Wynn suggested a committee be formed to discuss that.

5. John said there are passwords that need to be put somewhere where others can have access if needed. Decided they should go in the tech binder.

6. Tara read the "Affirming Committee Mission Statement". This was the mission statement and it was approved by Affirm United. Tara made a motion to accept this. Linda 2nd. Carried. We will be going forward to an AFFIRMED Church. We need an action plan as our next step.

7. Betty asked if we could amalgamate committees. Also would like to see another meeting soon as several members are away especially some on the Stewards. Rick suggested everyone come up with an idea for either fund raisers or use of church for the next meeting.

Tara suggested a CONGREGATIONAL meeting for end of March. Bring ideas. Betty made the motion for March 26th after church and we will do a potluck lunch. Tara 2nd. Carried.

John thanked us for coming.

Betty Lou thanked John for an excellent job running the meeting.

Rev. Stephanie did a closing prayer of thanks.

Eleanor made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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