

FUUSM Annual Meeting
April 25, 2021
Hybrid meeting

Rev. Kat welcomed members and friends on Zoom and in the Sanctuary.

After the Chalice Lighting, Cory Sampson called the business meeting to order.

Cory thanked all the Board Members for their service this year.

Approval of the minutes of the 2020 meetings. Martha McGovern moved to approve.

Dawn Hewitt 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate:

Board of Trustees: Anita Newhart

Board of Trust Governors: Peter Polites

Committee on Ministry: Haley Shukla

Al Tuttle moved to accept the slate. Gary Hamilton 2nd. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: Complete reports were sent to all members and friends.

1. Worship and Music. Martha McGovern thanked the congregation for their helpful feedback regarding the Sunday Services. Martha thanked Rev. Kat, Mike, Ralph and Michelle for all of their technical support. The committee is grateful for the contributions of music from Randy and Martha. The Theme this year is “How can we be mindful and authentic in cherishing all life?”
2. The Caring Committee: Gwen Banziger reported an active year of making phone calls, sending cards, visitations and preparing meals. The committee would welcome additional members.
3. The Finance Committee: George Banziger thanked all for their continued financial support. Special thanks to Steve and Maggie Meyer who review income and send out checks for occasional purchases and service costs. Our finances are stable even though our membership is declining. The new budget will not need to reflect any cuts at this time.
4. Treasurer's Report: Ted Goertzel provided detailed information regarding our income and expenditures. The Federal Government program (PPE) enabled us to pay off the deficit in our budget. It is a 2 year program, so that income will not be available next year. Additional pledges have raised the total from our Pledge Drive to \$109,000. Beth Lepore moved to accept the budget. Ron Rees 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
5. Board of Trust Governors: Linda Lawton explained our various Trust funds and what grantable funds are available.
6. Building and Grounds: Joe Baker reported on a very successful year of completing our new HVAC system, repairing termite damage, painting of exterior window frames, installing auxiliary lighting around the RE building and courtyard, and establishing the Church Safety Team to address the need of safe rules for accessing our buildings during COVID.
7. Green Sanctuary: Dawn Hewitt reported a very active year. A grant from DuPont

supported the proposals to provide a solar-powered electronics-charging station in downtown Marietta and to design and install pollinator-friendly natural landscaping along the west side of the Muskingum River. Initiatives included opposing a barge-docking facility proposed by Deep Rock Disposal, active involvement with Citizen's Climate Lobby (Marietta Chapter), opposing a natural gas storage hub, encouraging the city to aggregate electrical service from a 100% renewable energy source, supporting the Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action's "shoe strike", writing letters asking the mayor to protect our drinking-water well field in Indian Acres park, supporting groups in Williamstown to protect the Williamstown Wetland, expressing shock and disappointment when trees on the Muskingum Riverbank behind the armory were unexpectedly and wantonly cut, and participating in a Sierra Club training on efforts to repeal Ohio HB 3 (the corrupt nuclear bailout). The committee continues with many on-going projects regarding biodegradable take-out containers, collecting and selling aluminum to fund GSC projects, river trail clean-up, presenting an entire worship service, planning and participating in the 2021 Earth Day Celebration.

8. Committee on Ministry: Ron Rees did not add to the submitted report.
9. Minister's Report; Rev. Kat stressed that Communication is a high priority. Additional outreach in our congregation and the wider community is needed. She will be taking vacation time in August. Thank you for all of the ways we are engaged.

General Assembly in June. Mike and Adeline Bailey volunteered to be delegates.

Susan Mills moved to accept. Debra Miller 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

SPECIAL ANNUAL SERVICE AWARD: Mike Bailey.

Martha McGovern moved to adjourn the meeting. Al Tuttle 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Luthy, Secretary