

Congregational Meeting, October 25, 2020

Sue Royer welcomed everyone, with the Call to order and Covenant.
Rev. Clare opened the meeting with a Chalice lighting.

Angela Castillo-Epps moderated and read the Rules of Procedure. The votes needed for a Quorum was explained. A practice vote, done by a poll, was done via the screen. How the poll works was explained. Some technical issues were dealt with. Anita, Marsha, Michael Magrogan, Claudia, had issues. The practice poll was relaunched to do again to make sure all could vote. Technical issues were resolved.

We have 60 members, and 9 absentee members. 46 votes needed for quorum, therefore, a quorum was declared.

John Mattingly moved to adopt the Rules of Procedures, Samantha Saalfield seconded. There was one question, then discussion. The poll was taken. Angela's vote was taken verbally, yes, 6 chat participants voted yes. 93% voted yes. Time taken to make sure all have voted. Poll closed, and results shown on the screen. 100% voted yes. The motion passed.

By Laws Revision: Sue Royer reviewed the history which led us to revise the By Laws. John Mattingly moved, and Samantha seconded we approve the revised By Laws. Discussion: Jim Haywood said that there was the possibility of going over the 5% of the Endowment if the Board wanted it. He's concerned about that. Sue stated that the revision limits it to 5%. The congregation can still vote on emergency loans like we did for the new roof. Karyn Marsh spoke in favor of the revision. She was a member of the By Laws committee and is a lawyer. She said the By Laws had been too heavy with Policy before. Maryland Law does restrict Board power, making it difficult for the Board to abuse their power. Steve Finner spoke in favor of the revision, noting that the 5% of the Endowment is evened out by the use of the rolling average technique.

The voting poll was launched. The motion passed. The results were displayed. Judi Clague voted verbally, due to computer problems. Yes, 43, 1 No. The measure passes.

The revision of the Articles of Incorporation: Mattingly moved, and Samantha seconded the motion. Discussion by Magrogan.
Poll launched. Vote: 48 yes, 0 no.

Sue thanked everyone who was involved in this 4-year project.

Motion to adjourn, Steve Finner, seconded, all voted in favor.
Meeting ended at 1: 25 pm.

Submitted by Susan Riggs, Board Secretary
October 26, 2020