

Congregational Meeting - January 27, 2019

Meeting opened at 12:20 PM

1. Board Secretary confirmed a quorum was achieved.
2. Marta Giri presented nominations for the Nominating Committee: Marta Giri for another term, Wenda Alvarez, and Tom Packard. Motion and second to accept slate, passed by congregation vote.
3. Reverend Meghan Cefalu discussed State of Congregation:
 - a. 9 AM service less well attended than 11 AM, encouraged members to attend earlier service
 - b. Social Justice focusing on migrant families and working to dismantle white supremacy culture. 2nd Beloved Conversations series has begun.
 - c. 21 new members of congregation in past 2 months, more are expected.
 - d. RE- OWL program in progress for JRUU, OWL for adults is planned
 - e. Adult Education: Serving With Grace and Speaking From the Heart classes planned
 - f. Minister is available as pastoral presence
4. Board Priorities for 2018-19 presented by Board President, Alana Schuller
 - a. Safety: AED training had 15 attendees; Risk Management Survey of site done by Church Insurance Company- safety areas identified and are being addressed- asphalt sidewalk work done, increased diligence in sweeping walkways, plans for stair and wooden walkway repairs, signs being made to alert people to vulnerable areas, we signed up with Emergency Services for fire dept to assist us in event of nearby fires; We are looking into grant application to provide improved outdoor lighting
 - b. Reinstating Stewardship Committee- fundraising brainstorming session scheduled for Feb 10, anyone interested may attend
 - c. Increased volunteerism and Fun & Fellowship opportunities
 - d. Increased opportunities for Spiritual Growth
5. We are trying to modernize- example- many no longer carry cash or checks, hence we are looking at electronic app for giving to fellowship
6. Great Stuff Silent Auction will take place on Sunday June 9. Rich MacDonald will soon be seeking donations.
7. John Sherman- Dreambuilders update
 - a. Review of initial planning and fundraising
 - b. Completed projects- surfacing parking lot and refurbishing classrooms- improved safety and function have allowed for increase in Sandy Hill rent
 - c. From 2016 Capital Campaign we will upgrade;
 1. Office
 2. Founders Hall- glass wall (complete) and overhang outside east end; soundproof partition
 3. Parking- 21 extra spaces and turnaround for fire dept
 4. Amphitheatre- shade cover; new kiosk with restrooms, sound booth, changing room; ADA compliant access to stage area
 - d. Conditional Use Permit has caused long delays- hope attain in next few months, then to Coastal Commission-expect all approvals by mid summer
 - e. Next steps- hire Engineer and restart Capital Campaign

Meeting adjourned 12:52

Submitted by J Ballard, Board Secretary