

**Friends Congregational Church-United Church of Christ  
Congregational Meeting**

**Zoom Meeting**

**January 17, 2021**

(Due to COVID 19, we determined to meet via Zoom.)

1. Dan offered an opening prayer.
2. Meeting was called to order by Kelly Wellman, Moderator, at 12:10. Kelly oriented us to the use of the zoom process. There are currently 271 members. There were 57 members in attendance, so a quorum was established.
3. Minutes from June 14, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Anne Wehrly pointed out that the Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Congregational meeting should not have been labeled Annual Meeting. She also noted a spelling change from "There" to "Their." **Tom Vogel moved and Andy Tag seconded the motion that minutes be approved with suggested edits. Motion carried.**

Kelly presented a Power Point highlighting the Statement of Faith that had been recommended by the Church Council .

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Dan De Leon, Senior Pastor
- David Carlson, Financial Secretary
- Carl Fahrenwald , Stewardship Chair
- Cathy Hansen, Vice Moderator
- Bill Harper, Deputy Moderator of Trustees
- Loretta Mendez, Treasurer
- Kelly Wellman, Moderator
- Trent Williams, Associate Pastor



## BACKGROUND INFO

- Current membership: 271
- Mortgage: <\$106,306 [\$1,684/ mo]
  - Mortgage principle reduced by \$47,503 in 2020
- We ended 2020 with a \$9,590 surplus



## 2021 STATEMENT OF FAITH OVERVIEW

- 2021 Total Expenses \$443,645
- 4.4% ↑ from 2020
- Summary of largest increases:

Financial Services	\$6,500
Evangelism	\$3,600
Maintenance	\$2,485
Salary Increases	<u>\$5,536</u>
	<b>\$18,121</b>



## 2021 STATEMENT OF FAITH

Donation Income	
Pledge	\$330,620
Offering	<u>\$104,025</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$434,645</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$443,645</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$(9,000)</b>



## REASON FOR DEFICIT RECOMMENDATION

- Closing 2020 with a \$9,590 surplus
- Estimate \$12-15,000 will not be spent during pandemic conditions
- 22% ↓ pledging units from previous years (17 units)
- Assets on hand to be reviewed by the Finance Committee
  - \$32,500 PPP stimulus money loan has been forgiven
  - ~\$7,000 surplus from 2019 still to be designated



Katy Stewart asked if the salary increase proposed in the Statement of Faith cover current inflation costs.

Tom Vogel who has served as financial secretary spoke in favor of moving ahead with the recommended Statement of Faith. He feels that despite the fewer number of pledges, the funds will come through.

Andy Tag expressed thanks to the work done by the Finance Committee and the Church Council on the budgeting process.

**Nancy Bertsch moved and Katy Stewart seconded the motion that the Statement of Faith be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Andy and Paula Tag moved/ Kate Abbott seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:40.**

Respectfully and Faithfully Submitted,

*Anne Wehrly*

Anne Wehrly, Church Council Secretary

