

# Unity of Fox Valley Annual Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at 11: 20 a.m. by President Eric Hage

Opening Prayer was given by Marie Manella

Eric introduced the current Board Members:

Judy DeVoe  
Stacy Ferguson  
Eric Hage  
Carl Strang  
Perry Hurtt  
Diane Crompton  
Rev. Mike Korpan

Two Board Members will be leaving: Judy DeVoe and Stacy Ferguson at the end of 2020.

Motion for approval of 2019 Annual Minutes was made and approved.

The election of two new Board Members was brought up: Bonnie Burns and Larry Sheaffer.

Bonnie Burns gave a brief review of how she got to Unity of Fox Valley Church and prior church activity.

Larry came to Unity Church in 2003. He was on the Board of Trustees at his other church.

Congregants were asked if there was any other volunteers interested in being on the Board. There were no other volunteers. A vote was taken for Bonnie and Larry to be part of the board. They were approved by all.

Volunteers for Nominating Chair and Alternative for 2021 was announced. Judy DeVoe volunteered. Rev. Mike thanked Kathryn and Alex for being on the Chair.

## **The Treasurers Report**

Carl Strang presented 2020 Financial highlights via video presentation. He brought up that contributions have been down, but enough has been provided to keep the church in a positive financial position. The federal stimulus PPP Loan helped to keep the church in a positive financial position. In addition, the church staff has accepted pay cuts and the maintenance expenses of the church is down due to lack of activity in the church. Another help to the church expenses has been the new mortgage in which no interest is added.

The church has 3 accounts: The General Fund, Reserve Funds, the Endowment Account for future unpredicted expenses. The Endowment Fund has increased \$1,500 this year.

## **Minister's Report**

Rev. Mike thanked all the people who have stepped up when help has been needed. He is grateful for Mary Nowroozi, the Prayer Chaplains, and Kathleen who does many things for the church.

The auction has been turned into a Raffle. It will be an on-line raffle. Dawn Staszak has found a model for us to use that is on the church's webpage. A photographer will come on November 16 to take photos of the items on the Raffle. Every week there will be pictures on Facebook and the church website. In addition, every week we will have a new charity on the church webpage. The charity will be included in the funds provided by the Raffle. We hope this brings additional funds to the church. The Walkathon provided \$3,800 contributions to the church.

As a congregation, we all crave face to face connection. The hospitality and fellowship we share is sorely missed. Please consider ways to interact with each other and let Rev. Mike know. If anyone needs to talk with Rev. Mike, he is available 24/7.

The 2021 Budget Overview was shown. It is not finalized or Board approved at this time. More evaluation and discussion by the Board will follow.

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Marge Orchard asked if it was possible to have the Treasurer's Report & Budget sent out. Kathleen Malick responded that an email was sent out with the Budget and Year-to-Date expenses as a part of the Annual meeting detail.

Beth Johnson asked about the PPP Loan that was set up to help organizations hurt by the Virus. At this time, we are uncertain if we have to repay it. Kathleen Malick is involved in doing the paperwork to get the Loan forgiven.

Bob Anthony asked about the status on the Technology Loan, if we were given the grant of \$7,500. Rev. Mike responded that we did not receive the loan, but that we would be considered for 2021. A person has made a contribution to help the church to help with the additional equipment needed to go on-line with our services. At this time, the church should be in good shape to get the required items needed. There is a way to both Zoom to 'Live Stream' the service. Parker Meridith has helped the Unity Church of Naperville and is preparing a You-Tube channel for our church.

Rick McKay brought up that if we go Live-Stream, we cannot see others or interact with each other. Rev. Mike brought up that some of our Zoom visitors have stepped up to help us financially.

Marge Orchard asked the question of where we are now financially and also asked if we were mailing envelopes to church attendees for Thanksgiving and Christmas

contributions. Carl Strang answered that as of now, we have a net income of \$ 11, 701 which included the PPP Loan. Kathleen Malick responded that we will be sending out the letters for contributions for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Bobbi Severson thanked all the board members for serving and for all who have helped to put the church Zoom meetings together.

Jo Ann Vanthournout asked if there was still a food-giving contribution going on? Rev. Mike responded that yes there is still a food contribution that will offer food to the church attendees and to the Aurora Food Pantry and the Batavia Food Pantry. Non-perishable items are needed.

Marge expressed gratitude for the Prayer Chaplains.

Rev. Mike brought up that Rev. Jan's Little's Mother has passed away from the COVID and sadly, Rev. Jan could not be with her. The Prayer Chaplains have responded. Rev. Mike will give information to those who would like to connect to Rev. Jan.

Wanda Faye Holmes asked if the names of the Chaplains could be put on the picture of the Prayer Box on the website. Also, she pointed out that if anyone would like the other prayer chaplains who were not contacted to know of the prayer requests, please let them know.

Beth Johnson asked if there was any way for other members of the church to know who needs help. Rev. Mike answered that there are privacy issues but can ask members if they want others to know about their prayer needs.

Jen King asked that there could be a Prayer Request Board as part of the 'Chat'.

The meeting was ended and Eric Hage thanked everyone for attending and all those who have helped the church in so many ways.