

KEENE VALLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, August 27, 2023

WELCOME AND CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: Moderator Debby Rice called the meeting to 11:30 AM and welcomed the congregation and those on-line to the Annual Meeting. Debby invited all participants to share their ideas and concerns during this Meeting.

OPENING READING: Pastor John Sampson led us in an opening prayer.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Debby Rice conducted roll call. Members of KVCC were asked to raise their hand, and a quorum was declared (more than 10 members were present). The following members were in attendance for the Congregational Meeting: Susy Doolittle, Lorraine Duvall, Nancy McArthur, Betsey Serjak, Bill Serjak, Larry Shipps, Leslie Shipps, Ingrid Carman, Henrietta Jordan, Paul Osenbaugh, Charlotte Lichtenberg, Dre Roebuck, Linda Coe, Sam Fisk, Liz Jaques, Elizabeth Davidson, Shawn Lamarche, Jim Marlatt, Charity Marlatt, Elaine Taylor-Wilde, Alice Boutte, Deborah Mitchell, Anne Runyon, and Debby Rice.

ITEM 1: Susy Doolittle made a motion that the Annual Meeting of the Church be held during the 1st quarter of the calendar year. Elizabeth Davidson seconded the motion.

Debby Rice and Nancy McArthur led a discussion around why the Council wanted this meeting to be changed and fielded questions from the congregation. The members voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 2: Elaine Taylor-Wilde made a motion to allocate the net bazaar proceeds (\$10,708.65) in the following manner: \$2,000 for Mission and Social Action, \$2,000 for our Operating Budget, and the remainder (\$6,708.65) for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Jim Marlatt seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion of this motion was led by Debby, Nancy, and Pastor John as in the past the proceeds were divided between the Mission and Social Action Committee and the Operating Budget. The members voted, and the motion was passed with 13 yeases and 10 nos.

ITEM 3: Liz Jaques made a motion that we have a bazaar in 2024. Elaine Taylor-Wilde seconded the motion. Dre offered to lead the bazaar and stressed the importance of having good leadership in all aspects of the bazaar. The members voted, and the motion passed.

Town Food Pantry: Pastor John has been approached by Vinny McClelland to see if KVCC would like to have oversight of the local food pantry. John explained the current process, and Deborah Mitchell volunteered to help. John will reach out to the wider KVCC community to see if others would like to be a part of this endeavor.

Church Budget Update: Nancy led a discussion around how the church operating budget works and how the endowment and bequests are managed. Nancy offered to answer more questions should individuals need or want more information about allocations in our church's budget.

Jim Marlatt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Mitchell, Clerk