

KEENE VALLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2022

PRESENT: Susie Allen, Elizabeth Davidson, Andrew Derr III, Lorraine Duvall, Karen Glass, Pam Gothner, Anne R. Hurd, Henrietta Jordan, Shawn Lamarche, Charlotte Lichtenberg, Dan Mason (NM), Deborah Mitchell, Lisa Nason, Paul Osenbaugh, Dan Plumley, Debby Rice, John Richart (NM), Dre Roebuck, Fritz Sabbow, Larry Shipps, Leslie Shipps, Bernard Webb,

Via Zoom: Those attendees on-line are unable to vote but can contribute.

WELCOME AND CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: Moderator Debby Rice called the meeting to 11:09 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: Deborah Mitchell offered the following opening reading: Pause – For just a second and be grateful. Even if life isn't perfect. Let's be thankful. For the life we get to live, the stories we get to tell, and the adventure we get to experience. Always pray, to have eyes that see the best in people, a mind that forgets the bad, a heart that forgives the worst, and a soul that radiates kindness. Amen.

TOLLING OF THE BELL: Frits Sabbow presented the Tolling of the Bell and in memory of those in our community who have passed away read the following names: Necrology – Richard Austin, Mae Heald, Augusta Prince, Charles Smith, and Betsy Whitman.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Debby Rice conducted roll call. Members of KVCC were asked to raise their hand, and a quorum was declared.

OFFERING OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING: Dre Roebuck made a motion to accept the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes. Elizabeth Davidson Derr seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

BUSINESS:

OFFERING OF THE 2022 OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS: Debby Rice called for a vote for the 2022 Officers and Council Members. They are Debby Rice (Moderator), Dre Roebuck (Vice Moderator), Nancy McArthur (treasurer), Deborah Mitchell (Clerk), and serving as Members at Large are Susie Allen, Jimm Collin, Paul Osenbaugh, Fritz Sabbow. Our UCC Annual Delegates are Shawn Lamarche with Anne Hurd as the alternate. Paul Martin made a motion to accept the slate of officers for 2023. Paul Osenbaugh seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion was passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Pam Gothner made special recognition of Paul Osenbaugh for his significant efforts to improve the grounds here at KVCC. His dedication was unexpected, and he worked hard at helping us make progress on numerous projects. Thank you, Paul. Also recognized was Barbara Merle-Smith for her community outreach efforts and action. She was able to coordinate a hygiene drive for

flood victims. Finally, Nancy McArthur was recognized for the money raised at a well-attended Ukrainian dinner. The Council are grateful for their commitment and dedication.

OFFERING OF THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORTS: Skipped

TREASURER REPORT AND REVIEW ON 2023 DRAFT BUDGET: Nancy McArthur provided us with a copy of the proposed 2023 budget and provided answers to questions fielded by those in attendance. Shawn Lamarche made a motion to accept the 2023 Budget as presented. Henrietta Jordan seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

ANNUAL BAZAAR 2022 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS: BAZAAR – SHOULD WE HAVE IT?

Dre Roebuck provided an overview of this year's Annual Bazaar. Dre sought volunteers for the jewelry sale now that Barbara Merle-Smith has moved away. Both Charlotte Lichtenberg and Lisa Nason volunteered to take over this part of the Annual Bazaar. Elizabeth Davidson Derr made a motion that we have a church bazaar in 2023. Pam Gothner seconded the motion. A discussion was made, and the motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel Committee: Fritz Sabbow provided an overview of the progress the Personnel Committee is making on the development of an evaluation tool for Pastor John. Members of the Personnel Committee are Fritz Sabbow, Larry Shipps, Linda Bogardus and Deborah Mitchell. Pastor John has been serving at the church for a few years now and has requested an evaluation of his work. The evaluation tool is in its final development and will then be reviewed by the Council.

Other:

Lisa Nason suggested we have a Christmas tree decorating party with children as she has fond memories of doing this herself as a child at KVCC.

Dre Roebuck let us know there will be a building workday (cleaning up garage and basement) on November 5th. Details to follow.

Elizabeth Davidson Derr recommended we designate someone to head up the coordination of coffee hour as we are struggling to find people to sign up for this important time at KVCC.

Debby Rice adjourned the meeting at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Mitchell, Clerk