

# KEENE VALLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

January 21, 2024

**WELCOME AND CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Moderator Debby Rice called the meeting to order at 11:10 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 Annual Meeting.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor John led us in prayer.

**TOLLING OF THE BELL:** Deborah Mitchell and Pastor John presented the Tolling of the Bell in memory of those in our community who have passed away during the past year. Those names are included in the Annual Report.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM:** Deborah Mitchell determined we had a quorum today. There were 18 KVCC members in attendance.

**MINUTES FROM THE 10/9/2022 ANNUAL MEETING:** Deborah Mitchell made a motion to accept the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes. Liz Jaques seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

## CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS:

**Updated Bylaws:** Nancy McArthur led a discussion on the updated bylaws. She made a motion that we accept the changes to the bylaws. Susy Doolittle seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

**AM-S Update and Allocation for the Handicapped Parking Lot:** Pastor John provided an update on the AMS Discernment Group and made a motion that we allocate \$12,500 from that endowment to pay for the recent paving of the handicapped parking lot. Liz seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

**2024 Budget:** Nancy McArthur reviewed the 2024 Budget. Naj made a motion that we accept the 2024 Budget. Elizabeth Davidson Derr seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

**CHARGING THE NEW OFFICERS AND COUNCIL:** Pastor John led the commissioning of the 2024 Officers and Council Members. Larry Shipps made a motion to accept the slate of Officers and Council Members for 2024. Martha Swan seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion was passed.

**CELEBRATIONS:** This year we recognized a number of people who have contributed to the success and mission of KVCC. Elizabeth Davidson Derr recognized all of the individuals who were a part of the WelcomeCorps Mission to bring two female refugees to our community. Susie Allen recognized all of the individuals who contributed to the John Phillip Newell event. Pastor John celebrated the contributions of Lynn DeWalt and his gift of music to KVCC.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORTS:** Liz Jaques made a motion to accept the 2024 Annual Reports. Susy Doolittle seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Pastor John closed out the Annual Meeting in prayer.

Deborah Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Mitchell, Clerk