

KEENE VALLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

February 2, 2025

WELCOME AND CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: Moderator Fritz Sabbow called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM and welcomed the congregation and those on-line to the Annual Meeting. Fritz invited all participants to share their ideas and concerns during this Annual Meeting.

OPENING PRAYER/READING: Annie Scavo led us in prayer with a reading.

TOLLING OF THE BELL: Pastor John and Liz Jaques 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 39 individuals in attendance and 6 Zoom participants. There were 31 KVCC members in attendance.

MINUTES FROM THE 1/21/24 ANNUAL MEETING: Susie Doolittle made a motion to accept the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Henrietta Jordan seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS:

2024 Year End and 2025 Budget: Larry Shipps provided the attendees with an overview of the budget and fielded questions from those in attendance. Liz Jaques made a motion to approve the budget. Deborah Mitchell seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

Election of Officers and Council Members: Susie Allen provided an overview of the role of the Council Members, Members at Large, and UCC Delegates, and thanked everyone involved for their dedication. Liz Jaques made a motion to accept the election of officers and Council Members. Naj Wikoff seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

Task Group and Committee Leaders: Pastor John gave special recognition those individuals who have committed their time and energy to the different task groups and committee leaders and thanked them for their service over the years.

AMS Fund Update: Fritz Sabbow provided an overview of this fund, how it has been used, and how to go about requesting help for ideas anyone may have.

Adirondack Friends of Refugees: Pastor John, Rob Rokos, and Cynthia Poppino talked about the mission of AFRI and fielded questions. John reviewed the proposal to adopt the joint AFRI/KVCC covenant which was read to those in attendance. Susie Doolittle made a motion to accept the proposal. Naj Wikoff seconded the motion. A discussion was made, and the motion was passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORTS: Annie Scavo made a motion to accept the 2024 Annual Reports. Henrietta Jordan seconded the motion. A discussion was held, and the motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Consider renaming the handicap ramp to an accessibility ramp.

Request to post the process of how to approach the Council with an idea. Fritz and Pastor John responded to this request and described ways in which anyone can do this (i.e. come to a Council meeting, send email to anyone on the Council, etc.).

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

Liz Jaques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Mitchell, KVCC Clerk