

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Port Washington, Wisconsin

Spring Congregational Meeting – June 28, 2020 Meeting Summary

Meeting was called to order by Ray Shupe, Church Moderator, at 11:00 a.m. There were 22 people in attendance via Zoom. *(see next page for those who attended)*

Ray welcomed everyone to the meeting. Lorraine Halls, Church Treasurer, gave a Financial Update.

Since we had not formally approved the 2020 Church Budget, Ken Matthews moved, and seconded by Louise Mollinger, that we approve the 2020 Church Budget with understanding there will be a deficit, trusting the Church Council will make sure we can pay our bills and alert the congregation if we can not do so. The vote passed with no nays.

Joe Mueller, Chair of the Search Committee, gave an update on the Search and Call Process. Two candidates will be visiting in the next month. We also have two local (southeast Wisconsin) candidates in our back pocket if the two who are visiting do not work out. He admits it is an ambitious goal, but hopes that the Committee can present a top candidate to the Church Council by late August or September. Both candidates hinted that they would need two months after being formally called. If all goes well, we hope to have a settled minister start serving our church around Thanksgiving time.

Next was the Election of Church Council Officers and Team Representatives. Amy Gilhooly read the slate of Officers and Team Representatives up for election.

Moderator – Jeanne Mantsch

Associate Moderator – Phil Stepanski

Christian Education – Savannah Anderson

Community Outreach – Eric Olson

Staff Support and Review – Ric Probst

Ken Matthews moved, and seconded by Marti DeMario, that we approve those up for election. The vote was unanimous.

It should be noted that both Mike Spalding and Jason Jacque were appointed by the Church Council to Liturgy and Stewardship, respectively, to fill vacancies. The Council approved of their one-year appointments through an email vote prior to the meeting.

Jeanne Mantsch gave a special word of thanks to Ray Shupe, outgoing Moderator, and to Sherrie Dimmer, Alex Funk, and Terry Sdun for serving on the Church Council. A warm welcome and thanks to those who are joining the Church Council!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

11 Council Members (incoming and outgoing):

Ray Shupe
Jeanne Mantsch
Marti DeMario
Ric Probst
Sherrie Dimmer
Mike Spalding
Savannah Anderson
Lorraine Halls
Phil Stepanski
Eric Olson
Jim Clements
Bill Bond (unable to join Zoom)

3 Staff:

Pastor Jim
Brett Dimmer
Amy Gilhooly

8 Members:

David Franks
Louise Mollinger
Jane Spalding
Jane Schneider
Tracy Bretl
Ken Matthews
Joe Mueller (Search Committee Chair)
Bev Mueller

2 Members who voted by proxy:

Allen Cottrell
Dawn Guschl