

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

197TH ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2020

The call was read by Jane Moser, Clerk.

A quorum was declared by Moderator Edith Scott. The meeting was officially opened. Pastor Jerry Kruse was appointed parliamentarian.

A poem in tribute to the members who have died in the past year was read by Edie. Memories of Burt Frank, Connie Cherry and Ella Gano Guinther were shared.

The minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting were read and approved.

The reports of all the boards and committees were reviewed and approved by consensus.

The final Treasurer's report for 2019 was presented by David Hoskin.

- Ministry Fund at PCB yearend balance was \$30,279.20
- The total ministry budget finished at 88% of planned expenditures.
- The Mission expenditures were all completed as budgeted.

With a motion by Fran Gregory and a second by Cheryl Edwards this report was approved for filing.

The 2019 Invested Funds report was presented by Jane Moser, reviewed and approved by consensus.

Susan Forgacs reported that the Audit committee had reviewed the books and all is in order.

David presented the 2020 budget.

- The proposed 2020 budget is \$202,630.00 with expected revenue from all sources at \$179,957.00. This shows a deficit of \$22,673.00. However, as David explained we finished 2019 spending only 88% of our approved budget. If our spending follows a similar path this year we will end up with approximately the same 88% at the end of 2020.
- The only proposed change in the 2020 Mission budget is the addition of \$200 annually to the Raven Packs program through the Ravenna Schools.

- Following discussion a motion to accept the 2020 budget was made by Cheryl Edwards and seconded by Barb Hairston. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pastor's remarks:

Jerry thanked us for all the work we do in the community and emphasized how a few good workers can do quite a lot. He hopes next year we can create a policy statement regarding an official declaration of becoming an open and affirming church. He feels this will be a good practice for the local and greater community and allow for respectful debate.

Our Moderator Edie closed the meeting by asking us to look ahead. She also urged us to welcome and prepare for the future of First Congregational of Ravenna. Edie then offered the quote, "We can't change the direction of the wind, but we can adjust our sails to accomplish the goal." And everybody say "Amen"!

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Moser, Clerk