

**MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
AUGUST 11, 2013**

I. ATTENDANCE

A copy of the Church Directory was circulated. Members confirmed that their contact information was correct and initialed the sheet to indicate their attendance.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Ober at 11:00AM, followed by an opening prayer by Pastor Gene McAfee.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the Minutes of the previous Congregational Meeting on April 14 was waived voice vote.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the year to date was presented by Ron Ober on behalf of Kathy Lorentz. Income and expenses are on track per the approved Budget.

V. FAITH SENIORS

Ray Hein reported that Faith Seniors will meet on August 13 for a picnic and low-stress hike at Gully Brook Park in Willoughby Hills, and on September 10 for a traditional Amish dinner in Geauga County. Sign-up sheets for both programs are available in the hallway across from the kitchen. All are welcome (Seniors or not).

V. REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Jill Dugovics pointed out that the restriction on the Endowment Fund in Article XIII.3.b of the proposed revised Constitution that "Only proceeds from the assets invested shall be considered for distribution" is counter to the expectations of most donors of bequests and memorials, and limits the ability of the Endowment Fund to fulfill its stated purposes as stated in Article XII.1.

Jim Christensen MOVED that Article XIII.3.b be removed from the proposed revised constitution, and that the first word of XIII.3.c be changed from "Income" to "Monies". The motion was SECONDED by Donald Garris. Following discussion, this motion was TABLED pending the report on required funding by the Building Assessment Task Force (BATF).

Following the BATF report and subsequent action by the congregation, the tabled motion was APPROVED by a majority of the Congregation with 2 votes against.

Jill Dugovics MOVED TO ADOPT the proposed revised Constitution as amended. the motion was SECONDED by Scott Dorey. The revised constitution was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS vote of the Congregation.

VI. BUILDING AND GROUNDS TASK FORCE (BATF)

Phil Juarez reported on the previously circulated report and recommendations of the BATF. These recommendations, based on an assessment of the roof condition by consultants from Technical Assurance, include:

- Removal of the existing cement shingles and underlayment on the sanctuary roof
- Repair of deteriorated subroofing, soffits, fascia and gutters
- Installation of new underlayment and asphalt shingles on the sanctuary roof

The total cost of this work is estimated to be \$82,000 (\$82K). Since the cumulative damage cannot be traced to a single event, it is not possible to make any insurance claims to cover this expense.

From the July Treasurer's Report Summary, available funds are \$102K in the "Bond Fund" and (with the adoption of the amended Constitution) \$52K in the "Endowment Fund". Expenditure of \$82K from these funds without replenishment would leave very little buffer against future repair needs, especially since it seems difficult to avoid annual deficits of \$5-10K. Therefore, the BATF recommends that a multi-year Capital Campaign be conducted to raise enough money to replenish these funds in the amount of \$41K, i.e., half of the cost of the recommended repairs.

Therefore, Phil MOVED and Jim Christensen seconded a MOTION that a **Capital Campaign Committee** be formed, to be chaired by Kathy Lorentz. The goal of this Committee shall be to raise \$42K within a multi-year period, with the immediate goal of raising \$10.5K (1/4 of the total amount) within a 4-month period as a measure of commitment by the Congregation. Bids for the repairs described above shall be solicited and let as soon as the first \$10.5K is received. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

VII. EMMAUS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP (EBF)

Ron Ober reported that EBF has found a new home at Euclid Square Mall. Their final service here will be on September 1, and their final event in Faith's facilities will be on September 28.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **December 15** following Worship.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55AM with a closing prayer by Pastor Gene McAfee.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Christensen
Secretary of the Congregation