

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
DECEMBER 15, 2013**

I. ATTENDANCE AND DIRECTORY

A copy of the Church Directory was circulated. Members confirmed that their contact information was correct and initialed the sheet to indicate their attendance. An updated copy of the Directory will be E-mailed to Members and will also be available to Members at <https://sites.google.com/site/faithuccmembers/directory>.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Ober at 12:13PM, followed by an opening prayer by Pastor Gene McAfee.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Congregational Meeting on August 11, 2013 were unanimously approved.

IV. AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS

The Annual Report, Pastor's Report, Faith Formation Ministry (FFM) Report and other documents related to this Annual Meeting are available online at <http://www.faithuccrhoh.org/news-1/annualmeeting>.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Summary Report for the year to date through November, 2013 was presented by **Kathy Lorentz**. Kathy noted that the year-to-date deficit is \$16K, which is \$10K higher than the budgeted deficit. This difference can be attributed to a deficit to date of \$10K in receipts of pledged giving.

Kathy also noted that charitable giving has increased to 9.6% of income, versus 9.2% in 2012. Members pointed out that this does not account for gifts of supplies to Richmond Heights Schools this fall, and through the Giving Tree this Christmas season, which should increase overall charitable giving to the 10% tithing level.

VI. 2014 BUDGET

Ken Willert reported for the Finance and Stewardship Committees that the level of pledged giving for 2014 now stands at \$127K, vs. \$120K in the proposed budget at <http://www.faithuccrhoh.org/news-1/annualmeeting>. This brings the projected deficit to \$13K instead of \$20K. This is approximately the same level of deficit as in the 2012 budget, and is less than the current actual deficit of approximately \$16K.

Ken pointed out that Fifth Sunday offering income and related expenses have been deleted for 2014, with a net zero effect on the budget. Ron Ober explained that MLC had voted not to have Fifth Sunday offerings in 2014, considering the need of funds for the Capital Campaign as well as deficit reduction. However, special offerings for things like camperships may still be taken.

The 2014 Budget was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Congregation, and a VOTE OF THANKS to Ken and the Finance and Stewardship Committees was given by acclamation.

VII. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Phil Juarez reported that current receipts of the Capital Campaign total more than \$25K vs. the 3-year target of \$41K. The target of \$20.5K for initiating the request for quotes on the roof repair was reached in less than 3 weeks after the beginning of the capital campaign. Accordingly, Technical Assurance was engaged to prepare a Request for Quotation, on which bids are expected next week. Work on the roof is expected to be completed in Spring of 2014. Payment for the work will be made from the available proceeds of the Capital Campaign, with the difference to be paid by withdrawals from savings. Savings accounts will then be replenished from the proceeds of the Capital Campaign over its three-year term.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Congregation UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the election of the following Officers of the Church:

- Gail Yusko - President
- Penny Knight - Vice President
- Phil Juarez - Treasurer
- Carol Cover, Scott Dorey, Chris Wilkinson - MLC Members at Large

A vote of thanks and gifts of appreciation were given to retiring Vice President Rose McIntyre, Treasurer Kathy Lorentz, Secretary Jim Christensen, and MLC Member at Large Ray Hein.

A special vote of thanks was given to Ron Ober for his outstanding work as President (Ron remains as an MLC Member at Large).

In the absence of a candidate for Secretary of the Congregation, these duties will be assigned by MLC on an ad hoc basis.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Barb Holtz announced the assignment of Social Time ("Coffee Hour") teams for the first quarter of 2014.

Betty St John announced the successful re-institution of the Sunday Morning Greeters tradition, which was gratefully accepted by the Congregation.

Assignment schedules for Greeters and Social Hour teams will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the Social Hall, and will also be available on-line at <http://www.faithuccrhoh.org/volunteers>.

XI. NEXT MEETINGS

The dates for Meetings of the Congregation in 2014 will be scheduled by MLC at its Retreat on January 11, 2014.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:06PM with a closing prayer by Pastor Gene McAfee.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Christensen
Secretary of the Congregation