

Annual Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2014

St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY

Location: St. John UCC Sanctuary 11:40 A.M.

Agenda: Annual meeting reports; Nominations for 2015 FY; Mission and Ministry Action Plan; Building Renovation, Borrowing and Contracting

Session opened: With a prayer by Rev. Keith Haithcock and the reading of Vision and Mission by all.

Number of Members: Required to proceed based on current membership which is 118; a quorum is 20% or 25 whichever is greater. **In attendance: 41 members (listed by name on file)** as counted by Dale Clark.

Chairperson, Mary Ann Reilly called the meeting to order:

All reports were presented in writing (on file); Mitch Leigh, Treasurer reported on income and expense and pointed out that there has been a reduction in expense over the past three years. He thanked all in attendance for this effort. **Sarah Melcher moved that the finance reports be accepted as read; seconded by Ginnie Kelley; passed unanimously.**

New Business:

- **Elections and Appointments:** Nominating Committee members were- Sue Jelnick, Tim Smith, and Alan Imberg.
Sue Jelnick presented the slate candidates to be elected: President Elect-Melissa Stephens; Secretary-Theo Baldwin; At Large (Even Years)-Stan Bowling

Pat Giglia moved that the Congregation elect the 2015 slate of candidates as recommended by the nominating committee; Alan Imberg seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Sue Jelnick presented the slate of individuals to be appointed: President-Tim Smith; Treasurer-Mitch Leigh; At Large (Odd Year)-Sandy Kerlin

Sarah Melcher moved that the Congregation appoint the proposed individuals to serve on an interim basis through June 30, 2015 in the positions which will not be filled by regular election process until 2015; Bruce Horn seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

- **Mission and Ministry Action Plan:** Tim Smith asked Mitch Leigh to introduce Dean Griffith, Chairperson on the Finance Committee. Dean told of his background in finance, nonprofit management and knowledge of construction projects. He was welcomed warmly. Tim Smith presented the MMAP plan which represents an \$11,214.00 increase over 2014 (5.82%) increase. Increase due to continued investment in the music program, additional monies for the Outreach Mission Group, and additional hours for an Administrative Assistant to free Pastor up for more work in the community. Fund raising will be necessary to cover a projected deficit of \$18,000 + additional needed to operate air conditioning and elevator at completion of the building renovation project. Total budget request for 2015 is \$203,845.00. During discussion some fund raising/communication ideas were suggested-get everyone to sign up for Kroger Community \$ Program; attend Bellevue City Council meetings to let all know what is going on at St. John. Details of MMAP on slides and handouts (on file).

Sarah Melcher moved that the Congregation adopt the Mission and Ministry Action Plan for FY2015 for an amount of \$203,845.00. Pat Giglia seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

- **Proposals on building renovation and renewal:** Mary Ann Reilly presented the details on the projected renovation cost of \$400,000.00. Borrow the Capital Costs from the Cornerstone Funds (\$475,000.00 which allows for overruns). Payments to be supported through each year's MMAP and by investment income.

Penny Poirier made a motion that the Congregation authorizes the Strategic Leadership Council to borrow up to \$475,000.00, in the name of the Congregation, at a reasonable rate with reasonable terms to finance the renovation of our church building. Bruce Horn seconded it; passed unanimously.

Mary Ann Reilly presented information on Contractors that have been interviewed and asked for bids (3 separate). Questions were answered re: bidding processes and general contractor approach with sub-contractors. Hermes Construction was recommended by the SLC.

Pat Giglia moved that the Congregation authorize the Strategic Leadership Council to enter into an agreement or agreements with the necessary parties to renovate our church building by installing air conditioning; providing access by connecting all three levels through an elevator or lift system; ensuring safety and security by installation of crash door; making sanctuary improvements to enhance the worship experience as well as any other smaller doable projects that might arise. The SLC is authorized to manage and implement his project in phases if necessary, must keep the congregation informed of its progress and complete the work by December 2015. Sandy Ruck seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

WRAP UP

- Tim Smith thanked Mary Ann Reilly for her contributions on council and she was applauded by the Congregation.
- **Diane Cottingham moved that the meeting be adjourned; Dean Griffith seconded the motion; passed unanimously**
- Pastor Keith offered the Benediction

Minutes recorded by: Sandy Kerlin, secretary
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Note: These minutes will be filed electronically with all handouts for the meeting. Minutes to be approved at next St. John UCC annual meeting.