

Minutes of The Neighborhood United Church of Christ Annual Meeting
30 January 2022

1. Welcome, Overview of Agenda, and Opening Prayer: Susan Savell and Donna Bann
2. Call to Order: John Mosher, Clerk
3. Consensus Process: Donna Bann and Susan Savell, Co-Moderators
4. Presentation of the Annual Report – Donna Bann and Susan Savell
Liz Trautman explained that distribution of the report by Mail Chimp was prompted by COVID protocols and has reduced printing costs substantially. Any errors or comments in the various reports should be sent to Liz.

Report accepted by consensus with no discussion

5. Presentation and Discussion of the Strategic Plan – Susan Savell

Following planning sessions conducted earlier this year, The Neighborhood chose Earth care (Little Eden Park), Artistic Expression (Arts Ministry to enhance quality of the worship experience), and Reimagining the church, which will be a focus of Bill's sabbatical.

Presentation of the Artistic Coordinator position which will be funded through donations, with \$15,000 committed with matching funds. Current funding is for a year, the position is competitive, and the chosen applicant will be considered staff.

Various concerns were raised about whether the position should be paid, whether it could potentially affect the operation of the Café. As to the latter, Holly Reid indicated that the Café is autonomous and can raise money to hire a coordinator. Tree Harmon-Hester reminded us that she was the paid coordinator when the Café began and that it was later managed by an Americorps grantee.

Bill Bliss remarked that for the Artistic Coordinating to be effective, it will require technical upgrades that include new equipment and a better internet connection. There are donors committed to assisting with the acquisition of equipment and cable internet. Jonathan Waldo asked who would be conducting the interviews for the position – Susan Savell, Donna Bann, and Holly Reid.

The strategic plan and Artistic Coordinator position were accepted by consensus

6. Presentation and Discussion of the 2022 Officers – John Mosher
Clerk – John Mosher
Co-moderator for Feb 2021 to Jan. 2023 – Susan Savell
Co-moderator for Feb. 2021 to Sept. 2022 – Donna Bann
Co-moderator for June 2022 to Jan. 2024 – TBD
Treasurers – Roy Ingraham and Mary McGuire
Roy will be stepping down after a seven-year run as treasurer.

Slate of officers for 2022 accepted by consensus

7. Presentation of the Budget. Accepted by consensus without discussion. (discussion of budget completed in the Budget Afterglow the week prior to the Annual Meeting)
Mary McGuire recognized Roy Ingraham, outgoing treasurer, for his outstanding work and his mentoring.
Sam Saltonstall reminded The Neighborhood that the budget lines for solar were not an added expense.
8. Other business – none
9. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

John Mosher, Clerk