

Minutes of the Congregational Meeting
Evangelical United Church of Christ
6 February 2011

Call to Order

Pastor Katy Hawker led the congregation in prayer. Al Schon declared a quorum present to transact the business of the Congregation.

Approval of Minutes of the 2010 Congregational Meeting

The minutes of the 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

Fiscal Presentations

Ken Ulmer (Finance Team) explained the 2010 financial results in three areas: operations, capital, and designated funds. He noted that there were \$600,000 in gifts to the church during 2010 for capital and operating expenses.

He reviewed the financial statements for the close of 2010. Ken noted a break-even close for the year.

Ken reviewed the building fund expenses and noted that the capital expenses are currently slightly under the budgeted projection.

Ken presented the proposed operating budget for 2011. He noted that the number of households giving to the church is slightly down but that the amount of giving is increased. The average household gift to the church is \$2,700. He explained the type of expenses and the projected spending for each group: Community Team, Learning Team, Servant Team and Worship Team. The Administrative expenses (Facilities, Finance and Office, and People Team) are the majority of expenses.

Ken proposed a motion to adopt the 2011 operating budget as proposed by the Governing Body. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Recognition of the work of the Church

Janet Rundquist (President, Governing Body) recognized the work of all of the teams and circles active in the church. She described the activities of each, and asked people involved to stand. Janet particularly recognized Ruth Panhorst for her work on the Learning Team.

EUCC Foundation Update

Doug Cormack (Chair, Foundation Trustees) presented the annual report of the EUCC Foundation. This group manages the endowment and the income transfer to the operation budget of the church. Doug nominated Don Hubatka for a second term as Trustee. The congregation accepted the Foundation report and approved Hubatka as Trustee.

Wellness Advisory Group

Wynn Miller presented an update on the work of the WAG. He noted that this group is framing the program for wellness in the church community and the nearby community. Wynn noted that the idea of a parish nurse has been set aside as not practical at present. The group is currently working on a 'companionship' program and the St. Clare and St. Francis Community has been invited to explore this outreach with EUCC.

Facilities Usage Study

Paul Kachulis presented the facilities usage study, undertaken to enable decision-making around best use of the facilities against operating costs. The study reviewed usage by EUCC as well as outreach users to determine when buildings are least occupied.

Janet discussed the facilities usage study as a response to the February 2010 congregational motion to make decisions around future use of the 212 Building. She indicated that the study would enable the Governing Body to work on recognizing: (1) immediate utility savings; (2) maximum shared space usage, (2) maximizing EUCC usage with utility cost savings, (3) exploration of potential structural changes for maximum use. More information will be provided at the July meeting of the congregation.

Marketing Plan

Jeff Morris presented an overview of the marketing plan. The plan will include activities related to the Grow and Sustain program. It will include advertising as well as improved branding of the EUCC. The governing body will study the plan and map out action items that will be introduced to the congregation over the next few months.

Closing

The annual meeting closed with prayer and thanks for the EUCC community.

Submitted by Mickey Clark