

DRAFT MINUTES

Old First Reformed Church of Christ Minutes for the Annual Congregational Meeting January 27, 2019

- ❖ **A Potluck Luncheon and Hymn Sing, led by Julie Steiner, preceded the Annual Meeting.**

- ❖ **Call to Order and Opening Prayer**
 - **The meeting was called to Order by Jonathan Atwood and opened with a prayer by Pastor Michael Caine.**

 - **Quorum**
There is a Quorum with 64 members present.

 - **Motion to offer Voice to anyone present who is not a Member.**
Motion made by Adam and seconded by Greta.
Motion Carried.

- ❖ **Approval of Agenda**
Motion made by Jackie and seconded by Gerry.
Agenda for 2019 meeting approved.

- ❖ **Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting**
Motion to Approve Minutes made by Mark and seconded by Greta.

- ❖ **Questions on Reports on Ministry presented by SLGs or Directors or Staff**
Discernment - Amend Dates of Bill George's term to 2018
Interest Group to meet to discuss options regarding the Creche.

- ❖ **Reports on 2018 Financial Performance**
 - **Financial Secretary's Report**
 - **Adam summarized report on Pages 10-11.**
 - **Thank you for generous giving -70 pledges reported**
 - **Actual pledges were 99.8% of budgeted pledges**
 - **Our approach is to be Intelligent in Budgeting and Faithful in Giving**

 - **Endowment Report**
 - **Jonathan V. referred to details included in report of Dan B on P. 12**
 - **While endowment declined by 4.81% from 2017 to 2018, total value is \$1.4 M.**

➤ **Treasurer's Report**

- **Jonathan V. provided detailed report on P. 7-9.**
- **Total actual budget for 2018 reflected a deficit of \$ 15,529 with HVAC expenses being a significant contributor to the deficit. Deferred maintenance eventually catches up and is costly.**
- **A look at the long view of an almost 300 year old church shows a stable picture of financial health from membership giving and endowment.**

❖ **Approval of Financial Year 2019 Budget**

The budget as presented by Jonathan V includes a projected deficit of approximately \$ 15,000. The Congregation is asked to approve a deficit budget which accurately reflects projected expenses primarily HVAC related for 2019 Motion to approve the 2019 budget made by Kathy and seconded by Mike W. Motion Carried.

❖ **The Slate for Elections**

Affirmations of Appointments of Church Leaders

Beth led a group to identify new leaders.as reported on page 22.

Jonathan A. thanked those who have agreed to serve.

Motion to approve the new slate of leaders made and carried.

❖ **Program Discussion: Future of the Men's Shelter and Use of our Social Hall**

A full discussion took place of the pros and cons of the future of the shelter, the relationship to our history, and our future mission. The discussion also included the Use of our social hall and the limitations imposed by continued use as a shelter through the winter months, i.e. no service camps. In light of the many questions raised, a Question and Answer format will be developed so that members can consider thoughtfully and prayerfully the future of the shelter. All of us will need to search our own hearts as to what we are willing to do in support of our mission.

Motion made to Adjourn by Adam and seconded by Bruce.

Motion Carried.

❖ **Sending Song and Closing Prayer offered by Pastor Michael.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kathy Sykes**