

## **Emanuel United Church of Christ: Annual Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2025**

After the worship service, President Nancy Perry called the Annual Meeting to order at 11:35am. Pastor Gaye Santoro opened the meeting with a prayer.

Janel Baughman made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the January 28, 2024 Annual Meeting, and Holly Poetter seconded it. The motion carried.

There were no questions or comments to the Pastor's Report.

There were no additional comments from the committee chairs. President Nancy Perry thanked all the committee members for their work they did all year. She asked the congregation members to consider volunteering for committees.

President Nancy Perry called on Treasurer Andrea Sammons to make comments on the 2024 budget and the 2025 proposed budget. This year, we ended in the red \$613.21 minus the earmarked funds. For the 2025 budget, the budget committee cut the OCWM donation in half and gave no raises this year. They made adjustments to big items like property taxes, insurance, and utilities. Forrest Swain made a motion to accept the 2025 budget, and Art Holden seconded it. The motion carried. Dave Poetter thanked Treasurer Andrea Sammons for all her efforts as treasurer. The congregation gave a round of applause for Andrea.

President Nancy Perry discussed the fact that Emanuel UCC by-laws have not been updated for 10 years. She introduced the proposed amendments to the by-laws and asked the congregation for any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments. Rich Little made a motion to accept the proposed amendments, and Nancy Lyons seconded it. The motion carried.

President Nancy Perry recognized Brad Kurtz for his time as Property Chair and Becky Kindel for her time on Elders and as the Chair of Elders. There was a round of applause from the congregation.

Nancy introduced the Pastor Search committee: Art Holden, Janel Baughman, Betsy Rawlins, Judy Cottrell, Brian Sammons, Julie Huckriede, Julianna Pedrozo, and Jaime Sammons. They stood and were recognized.

Nancy thanked the Consistory members for their service during this past year.

Forrest Swain made a motion for adjournment, and Judy Cottrell seconded it. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Tritt, Secretary