

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHATHAM  
Minutes of Annual Meeting, January 13, 2019

1. Tim Huber, Senior Deacon, called the meeting to order, announcing that he was filling in for Moderator Scott Hamilton, who is in England. He declared that a quorum was present, and asked Pastor Joe Marchio to offer an opening prayer.
2. Tim asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 14, 2018, the Special Meeting of July 29, 2018, and the Special Meeting of December 16, 2018. Evelyn Nostrand mentioned that in the minutes from December 16, her comments were not limited to discussion of funds about the generator, but that they referred to all aspects of the building. A motion was made, and seconded to accept the minutes with the stated correction, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Tim asked for a motion to approve the 2018 Annual Reports, and Clerk Judy Doe added that an item had inadvertently been left out of her Altar Committee Report or the Deacons Report, and that was the fact that Debbie Swenson had donated the beautiful brass candlesticks in memory of her husband Jack. The motion was made and seconded with that addition, and passed unanimously.
4. Anita Drisko presented the Treasurer's Report, as appearing in the Annual Report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, and it passed unanimously.
5. Dean Hamilton referred to the Annual Report of the Trustees. He noted that \$295,000 has been received to date in pledges, which is a phenomenal response from the Congregation.
6. Dean then presented the Proposed Budget for 2019 noting three items: a reduced amount to be taken from the Investment Funds; a reduction in Fund Raising; and increased compensation for our Pastor. The last item reflects the fact that Joe will now serve as "full-time" Pastor, allowing him to focus more time and energy on his call to serve our congregation. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the 2019 Budget.
7. Pastor Joe Marchio then explained the Nominating Committee Report. He thanked Alison Kaar and Scott Hamilton for working with him on the Committee. He stated that Scott would be asking at the next Council Meeting for one member to be named from each Standing Committee to comprise the Nominating Committee. The report lists dates of expiration for each person - 3 years for Board members, and 2 years for Committee members. Maureen Erb asked if she should be listed as Delegate to the UCC Conference, and the

answer was affirmative. The Officers, Delegates, and Committee and Board Members were then elected unanimously.

8. A By-Law change to incorporate the Safe Church Committee was presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept this change.
9. Joe then read the proposed Vision Statement, explaining that Vision 2020, under the direction of Lyn Carlin, will soon be completing its work with the implementation of Plan B for the building renovation.. He stated that the vision statement is the result of the many meetings that the Committee had with members of the Congregation. The Statement is as follows:

“Here in this church we pray, sing, learn, and proclaim the good news. All that the church does and is begins with our worship. We show love to our neighbors through mission and social action. We come together, experiencing the heartbeat of God’s love in community, respecting all handicaps, ages, races, genders and sexual orientation. We share the unconditional love of Christ through genuine care and concern for one another. We welcome everyone to First Congregational Church of Chatham, the central component of our faith.”

A motion was made and seconded to accept this Vision Statement, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Joe then offered a closing prayer, reading the names of those who died in 2018, and those who were baptized. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Doe, Clerk