

Barrington Congregational Church UCC Annual Fall Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 29th, 2024

A **quorum** was in attendance.

Meeting commenced at 11:19 AM with Laura Ward presiding as Moderator.

Articles of the Meeting were announced as: 1) To call the meeting to order; 2) To approve the minutes of the 2024 annual meeting held June 9th, 2024; 3) To approve nominations for unfilled positions; 4) To receive a report on the sale of the 4 Nathaniel Road parsonage; 5) To consider the Governing Board's "Year of Engagement" vision for church year 2024-2025; 6) To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting; 6) To adjourn the meeting.

A motion to approve the annual meeting minutes of the June 9th, 2024 meeting was put forth by Jay Buckley, seconded by Kim Fernandez, and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the appointment of Gloria Wong-Forzano as Deacon and Kim Zeleznik as Service Ministry Coordinator was motioned by Viki Belmont, seconded by Charles Antone and unanimously approved.

Charles Antone reported on the sale of the 4 Nathaniel Road parsonage, stating " We are pleased to share that the sale of the Parsonage has been successfully completed. After the congregation approved the sale, a member informed us that a family member was interested in purchasing the property. To ensure fairness, we engaged an independent professional to appraise the property, which was valued at \$525,000—exceeding the initially approved amount. Given that this appraisal was acceptable to the buyer, we proceeded with the sale, which was finalized on August 1. Additionally, by selling the property directly, the church saved on realtor fees, further benefiting our financial position. The Endowment Team is now in the process of investing the funds."

Kim Fernandez discussed the "Year of Engagement" initiative of the Governing Board, while citing scriptural passages that exhorted the members of the congregation to use their gifts for the church's benefit. Pastor Dale outlined the ways that congregation members could get involved and start new ministries. He highlighted the fact that the current church governance allowed for plenty of flexibility in the kinds of missions that church chose as priorities. Erik Ela motioned to approve the Governing Board vision, Steve Fodor seconded the motion and the assembled body unanimously approved that vision.

There being no other business that came before the meeting, Kim Fernandez motioned that **the meeting be adjourned**, Trinki Brueckner seconded the motion and the assembled body unanimously voted for adjournment.

The church meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Faithfully submitted,

Gregory A. Voigt

Church Clerk