

Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne, UCC
Congregational Election Meeting via Zoom Webinar
October 25, 2020, 11:30 a.m.

The annual election meeting was conducted via Zoom Webinar. Rev. Timothy C. Murphy, senior pastor, gave a quick overview of how the webinar worked – how to vote, how to ask a question, and how to “raise a hand” to be recognized and speak. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rick Schilb at 11:36 am. The moderator verified that a quorum was met. There were approximately 85 voting members attending.

The meeting had three items on the agenda requiring voting: the approval of the agenda, the approval of the minutes of the annual business meeting conducted on January 26, 2020, and the approval of nominees of officers and board members.

Rev. Timothy opened with prayer.

The agenda was approved with all voting yes. A motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting was made by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Ann Filler. Minutes were unanimously approved.

The Nominees for Officers for 2021 and Board members for 2022 was presented to the congregation by Mark Glassley, chair of the nominating committee. One correction was made to the term for Diana Bauer on Property, (third rather than second term). Mark Glassley made the motion to approve the slate and it was seconded by Laura Coon. The meeting attendees voted unanimously to approve the slate.

Informational Items:

Thanks was expressed to Mackenzie Giganti, staff communications specialist, and to Rev. Timothy for their assistance in facilitating the webinar meeting. Rev. Ruth E. Phillips, associate pastor, expressed her congratulations to the congregation for their impressive attendance.

Rev. Ruth gave an update on December events:

- Luminous Night Service is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7:00 pm via live stream. Depending on local COVID-19 numbers, there may be a limited in-person worship.
- Christmas Eve: The 4 pm communion and candlelight service will be via a live Zoom gathering. Communion will be conducted as it has been on Sundays (those at home will provide their own elements). The 10 pm carols and candlelight service will be prerecorded and posted to YouTube on Christmas Eve.

Laura Coon, assistant treasurer, gave an update on the upcoming Stewardship Sunday. There will be representatives from Stewardship and Finance Board at the church to receive pledge cards at the Porte Cochere west entrance on November 8 from Noon to 2pm.

Rev. Ruth gave the closing prayer and read the words of the first three verses of "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" (NCH #393) and attendees were invited to hum or sing along.

This first successful congregational meeting conducted via Zoom Webinar was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Sara Sprunger
Recorder