

SCUUF ANNUAL MEETING

September 25, 2022

Meeting began at 4:00 PM at the Taylors Falls Community Center

Music and vocals performed by Dann Adair on guitar and Marissa Dodge at the piano

Appetizers welcomed the members and friends. Members signed in.

At 4:15, Gary and Marty welcomed the group with introductions.

Opening comments made by Rev. Kelli, who was pleased to be able to join us.

Gary announced that we had a quorum.

Ann announced the nominees of the Steering Committee from the floor who were to become official on January, 2023.

Nominees: Sarah Thompson

Liesel Virchow/Lin Hipp (shared position with just one vote)

Betsy Peterson

Gary Noren

Vote taken. Ann motioned to accept the nominees; Charlie seconded. All said Aye.

Steering Committee introduced themselves: Gary, Barb O'Neill, Nanette, Betsy, Sarah, Jean and Liesel.

Marty presented two activities/questions for group participation. 1. What one thing did we like about SCUUF last year. Majority answered "meeting in person".

2. Hope for 2023. Answers in part were more gatherings, meals together and a space of our own.

Inspirations from Kelli – Steering Committee work, member presentations, growth of the Congregation, music and food, and circle suppers.

Sarah pointed out that while we have always voted on the budget for the coming year in the past, it is better to take into account the total amount from pledges first, then make the Annual Budget, voted on by the Steering Committee. This involved changing the By-Laws, which time did not allow for this year. The Steering Committee will work on that change for next year.

Sarah stated the need for a new position of Financial Administrator who would handle all the financial business and give the figures to our Accountant to enter for the monthly Financial Statement. This job would take 8 – 10 hours a month at \$15.00 an hour. This position would go out to the congregation. In the meantime, Bruce will temporarily fill this new position.

Pledge forms were available and discussion on ways to pledge which included automatic transfer of funds from 401K or IRA accounts which would be tax free deductions. An automatic bank or credit union transfer can be set up also.

Sarah had asked each committee to submit their budget needs in advance of the meeting and those figures were taken into consideration when formulating the budget allocations. We have 40 members and the requests totaled \$35,000.00. That came to almost \$1,000.00+ per member which is just not realistic. Some budgets were cut in an effort to make a more realistic budget. The approved 2023 budget includes expenses of \$32,316.00 and income consisting of pledges totaling \$22,316 carryover of \$7,000.00 and anticipated donations totaling \$3,000.00.

Sarah emphasized that if a committee has a special need or event which requires more funds, a Steering Committee form will be completed and a committee vote taken to have funds disbursed from the Steering Committee's Discretionary Fund of \$4,000.00. Liesel made a request to that the Membership Committee receive an additional allotment of \$150.00 for cookies and coffee served after our Services, and \$100.00 for updating the Directory. Sarah made the change.

Vote taken- Liesel moved to approve the budget for 2023, and Leann seconded. All said Aye.

Committee Reports followed the budget.

Communications – Gail who stated that she could make her budget allotment work.

Facility and Finance – Bruce who stated that the Edling owner, Tom has been very helpful and agreeable this past two years. While the building is still for sale, it is unlikely to be sold in the near future.

Membership – Liesel, Chair, and Sue, Co-chair described the committee's tasks and are looking at our current membership for possible updating of the Directory.

Sunday Services – Carolyn gave a run down of the roller coaster year getting ready for a move then, the last-minute cancellation and return to Edling. She thanked those who helped with that effort. The return to Edling is ready. Services will be hybrid beginning on October 2nd, with Kelli speaking on Courage. Ann will speak on Courage at the second service with Jim Price hopefully returning in November.

Gary thanked everyone for their continued support for SCUUF and adjourned the meeting.

Kelli gave the closing words which were inspirational as always.

At 5:00 Dan and Marissa resumed the music and the Pot Luck was set up. The food was delicious.

Many hands pitched in for the cleanup.

