

SOV Congregational Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2023

1. Quorum, Call to Order, Prayer

- Meeting called to order by Karen Sheldon at 12:50pm
- Cindy Boen affirmed that there was a quorum
- Pastor Gaeta led us in prayer

2. Minutes from Congregational Meeting on February 6, 2022

- Motion to accept minutes: Cindy Boen; Seconded: Valerie Wilkins; Motion carried

3. Council Election

- Motion to add Valerie Wilkins to the council slate as an at-large member: Pastor Gaeta; Seconded: Kim Duhamel; Motion carried
- Motion to elect the amended slate of council members: Andy Vesper; Seconded: Cliff Bailey; Motion carried
- Council Members are: Pastor Gaeta; Karen Sheldon, Council Chair; Cindy Boen, Council Vice Chair; Janet Vesper, Secretary; Wayne Twombly, Treasurer; Kim Duhamel, Stefanie Heiter, Joshua Kamalaraj, Valerie Wilkins, At-large members
- Thank you to Denise Boyd and Cliff Bailey who have completed their terms as at-large members of Council

4. Update from New England Synod Assembly provided by Karen Sheldon, Janet Vesper and Pastor Gaeta

- Election of a new bishop in 2024
- Youth and Young Adult Gathering in New Orleans in 2024
- Resolution for Peace for a Weary World sent on to the National Synod
- Budget approved for 2024

5. Update of Building an Inclusive Church presented by Karen Sheldon

- During the summer people are asked to add comments to the bulletin board on what welcoming and inviting mean to them, so that these thoughts can be considered when the welcoming statement is created
- Activities include Bible studies in June, a guest speaker in July, a movie night in September

6. Financial Update - Wayne Twombly

- Although there is currently a pledged income shortfall of \$12,257.50, this represents pledging units that give quarterly or annually.
- Other ministry and building expenses should level out over the course of the year

7. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

- Karen Sheldon asked for a motion to adjourn at 1:40pm Motion to adjourn: Valerie Wilkins; Seconded: Joshua Kamalaraj; Motion carried
- Pastor Gaeta closed us in prayer

Respectfully submitted by Janet K. Vesper

