

Rush United Methodist Church  
Annual Church Conference  
October 21, 2020

Present: Geoff Furman, Norm and Louise Miller, Charlotte and George Sanford, Pastor Todd, Cindy Raymond, Joan O'Mara, Traci and Rob Gruschow, Dick and Cindy Wallace, Tanya Hunt, Erma and Leon Perkins, Brita and Bill Stambaugh, Lynda Wanzenried, Lynn Kessler, Richard Nereau, Erin Bills, Barb and Paul Kingsley, Gayle and Don Barrett, Steve and Kellianne Williams, Jim and Sue Comstock, Alethea Coulter, John Kessler, Jeff Peterson, Leola Porter, Joyce and Ray Smith, Nancy and Jim Miller, Pat Weaver, Wendy Kuhn, Ken and Sue Graham, John Campanaro

In advance of the meeting, Pastor Todd had posted the agenda on the church website.

The meeting opened with a Devotion and Scripture, words from the Bishop and a prayer.

Items on the agenda were discussed and voted upon as follows:

Clergy Compensation:

- Lynn Kessler stated that the clergy compensation hasn't changed from last year.
- Discussion that Followed:

Rob Gruschow asked if there is a minimum package we can offer the pastor and if this was considered. Lynn Kessler said "No".

George Sanford expressed concern about paying our full apportionments.

Traci Gruschow commented that with our dire economic situation perhaps we should consider a part-time pastor.

Jim Comstock said we aren't in a dire situation and are meeting our financial commitments.

Motion: Joan O'Mara made a motion to approve the Clergy Compensation.  
Steve Williams seconded the motion;

Vote: Yes 35, No 3, Abstentions: 2

Election of Personnel:

- The list of nominations was presented to the congregation earlier and read to the meeting attendees for each category.
- Discussion that followed:

Bill Stambaugh noted that some people nominated for Trustees are also on the Leadership Committee. Tonya Hunt said that people can serve on both committees. Bill feels it's important to have a variety of points of view. Pastor Todd said non-members can be on Trustees, and we now have a new position called "Lay Leaders".

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Nominations from the floor:

Rob Gruschow nominated Patti Weaver for Leadership Committee. Seconded by Traci Gruschow. Patti accepted the nomination  
George Sanford nominated Rob Gruschow for Trustee Committee. Seconded by Traci. Rob accepted the nomination.

Votes: Patti for Leadership committee with term ending January 2023

Yes: 25, No: 12, Abstentions: 2

Rob for Trustee for term ending January 2022

Yes: 24, No: 5, Abstentions: 8

The entire slate of nominees as amended: Majority said "Yes".

Audit:

- The Conference requires only beginning and ending balances.

Vote: The audit was approved unanimously.

Minutes of Church Conference:

- Vote on approved form
- Replacement of heating unit
- Reroofing the church

Vote: All were approved unanimously

Other Business:

- George and Charlotte Sanford completed a course to become certified lay servants. Attendees voted to approve unanimously.
- Select representative to Annual Church Conference  
Rob Gruschow nominates Peter Luger and then withdraws the nomination.  
Leon Perkins nominates Barb Kingsley who refuses the nomination.  
A motion was made to defer the nomination and leave it to the Leadership Committee to find someone. The motion was seconded by George Sanford and vote unanimously by the attendees

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rob Gruschow and seconded by Cindy Wallace and received a unanimous vote.

Notes submitted by:  
Cindy Wallace