

Unity of Madison Annual Meeting February 18 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Ruzicka.

Prayer Chaplain Jamie Gaylor presented an opening prayer.

Secretary Steve Roberts read the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting. After the minutes had been read, Louie Phillips made the motion to approve the them. Suzanne Maas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joy Morgen conducted the election of new board members. She first read the qualifications for serving as a trustee of Unity of Madison according to the bylaws. She then announced the candidates as follows:

- Susan Patterson running for a 3-year term.
- Kathy Womble running for a 3-year term.
- Louie Phillips running for a 1-year alternate term.
- Michelle Honore running for a 1-year alternate term.

Joy then called for nominations from the floor, but there were none.

Joy called for a motion to approve the slate of 4 candidates, given that there were no oppositions. Helen Kenyon moved to approve the slate; Lloyd Rowley seconded it. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

President Joanne Ruzicka then directed the process of selecting a new Nominating Committee for 2024. Denise Landfkamer and Joy Morgen volunteered to serve.

Rev. Debra Carter Williams then gave the Minister's Report. She discussed changes that she has made to the order of service on Sunday and changes made to the e-blast. She discussed the calendar of classes and events for 2024 that she and our two LUTs, Barry Roberts and Deb Walker, have created. She discussed the

process of Jessica Riphenburg's resignation as Youth and Family Ministries coordinator and the interview process for hiring her replacement.

Joanne Ruzicka then read the President's Report. She thanked the two outgoing board members, Denise Landkamer and Joe Dieter. She acknowledged the passing of longtime member Elaine Stebleton and she thanked Rymii Kaio for her service as board president.

Joanne discussed physical changes to the facility in 2023. She reported on the new gutters and better drainage onto the north lawn put in place. She talked about the upgrades that were done with the capital campaign - the skylights, the parking lot and the new AV equipment.

Joanne then highlighted three ministry teams, starting with Tech Services. Steve Roberts reported on the online audience that has been viewing services on Sunday.

Joanne also announced the formation of two new ministry teams -the Events Team and the Landscape Team. She then read through a list of ministry teams and asked volunteers to stand so that they could be thanked. The trustees also passed around clip boards that listed the various ministry teams and if people were interested in finding out more about any of the teams they were encouraged to write their name down so they could be connected with the team lead for more information.

Treasurer Nancy Sundal then gave the Capital Campaign Report. She discussed the installation of the new skylights and the parking lot.

Steve Roberts then gave the Audio Visual Report. He discussed the installation of lights for the platform and why it was necessary. He then listed off volunteer opportunities for serving on the Tech Team and discussed training working with the AV system.

Nancy Sundal then gave the Treasurer's Report. She discussed the state of our finances and the fact that our bank accounts had been depleted during the pandemic but they are now building back up.

She then ran through the 2024 budget and answered questions from the members.

Nancy then called for a motion to approve the Operating Budget. Lloyd Rowley moved to approve; Joy Morgen seconded. The motion passed.

Nancy then called for a motion to approve the Capital Campaign Budget. Ron Ruzicka moved to approve; John Panuska seconded. The motion passed.

Joanne Ruzicka then conducted an Open Floor Discussion. Lloyd Rowley commented on how useful a church directory would be. Ann Zenner asked about a team leaders meeting. Suzanne Maas had some comments on the vision and mission statements which Rev. Debra addressed.

Joanne Ruzicka then called for a motion to close the meeting. Steve Roberts made the motion to adjourn; Jennifer Parker seconded. The motion passed.

Rev. Debra then gave a closing prayer.