

Gaylord United Church of Christ
Annual Meeting
January 18, 2015

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the United Church of Christ Council was called to order by President Pauline Marlinski. Pastor Dennis opened the meeting with a prayer.

Agenda Review: Motion was made by Chuck Klimmek and 2nd by Fran Armstrong to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Quorum Count – 10% of membership – Quorum was met with 31 attendees

Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting –made available to read, were approved at February 2014 meeting.

Board & Committee Reports –Added to Slate of Officers, Boards and Committees: Katie Turbett, Pastor Search Committee

STILL NEED VICE PRESIDENT

Outgoing President Report – Pauline Marlinski

She gave an overview of 4X – Goal is to have 4 areas of concentration that we do 4 times a year.

1. Focus of 4 Areas:
 - World Class Programs
 - Wonderful Music
 - Inspirational Ministry
 - Mighty Mission Projects
2. We are a permission giving church
3. Reminded us of our Mission Statement: To proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ to this community and the world; and to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our words and deeds.

She talked about “what can we do?”

- New programs, activities, worship
- Reach out to others
- Continue to donate time, talent, tithe, trust
- Use existing funds wisely & Consider bequests from estates,

and went over our 2014 accomplishments

- Lenten worship @ Oak Terrace
- Blessing of the Pets service, Joint farm worship @ Armstrongs
- Hanging of Greens Reunion
- PET project & Backpack project
- Donated 12.5% of revenues to charity
- Valentine’s Day Concert & Teddy Bear Band
- Dick and Ian Kimmel Music
- Joyful Choir sing
- Prayers before every Council meeting & Daily Devotional emails
- Prayer Chain, Weekly bulletin prayer list

Pauline thanked all for all they do, and listed out several members. Pastor Hank Campbell, supply pastors, Ewald, Ruby, Cindy, Beth, Shannon, Council, Boards and Committees, and Pianists.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Keithahn

Phil listed the Treasurer's "Top Ten:"

We pretty much broke even for 2014

We gave 13.3% of income to charity

A/V Gifts: \$14,450 (2013-2014)

In-Kind Donations for AV System: 5,000

Website, Marketing, Council - \$ 9,525

Trust Fund – We have \$128,080 (interest from) for Future Lighting Project

Legacy Fund has \$70,259

Library Fund has \$3000 – how to use? – challenged attendees to come up with ideas

Designated Giving Funds \$4370

Camp Committee – account has \$9,476

Phil also gave a Financial Summary, Use of Memorials for Projects, A/V System Update, Website Update

Phil went over the 2015 Proposed Budget and 2015-2017 Goals.

More information on these is in the handouts from the Annual Meeting

Old Business:

1. **A/V Update** – Phil covered under his report
2. **Website Update** – Phil covered under his report

New Business:

1. **Announcement of Permanent Pastor Search Committee:** Gail Estenson, Dale Johnson, Jeff Meyer, Kevin Thies, Katie Turbett.
2. **Approval of New Officers, Board and Committee Members:** Motion was made by Cindy Johnson and 2nd by Harriet Troidahl to approve the slate of Officers, Boards and Committees for 2015. Motion Carried.
3. **Approval of 2015 Budget:** Motion was made by Diane Bias-Mosel and 2nd by Deb Meyer to approve the 2015 Budget as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Amended Articles and Bylaws (Who Inherits the Church)** – Phil asked that between now and the next Congregational Meeting we should think about this. State or National Conference? Our community?
5. **Capital Campaign** – We need to prioritize our new Memorial List and see if we should have a capital campaign for any major item(s) on that list.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Dennis McKee - Excited to be here and impressed with our dedication and commitment

Next steps: Organization Council Meeting January 28 5:30 p.m.

Next Congregational Meeting April 2

Incoming President's Remarks – Phil Keithahn

In short, "Walk the Talk"

Beth Wilson

Council Secretary