

UUCWI Congregational Meeting, January 25, 2015

President John Long called the meeting to order at 11:20 am

40 voting members were present More than the 29 needed for a quorum

John expressed his gratitude that Dennis is home and recuperating. Also his appreciation to the Board for their commitment to the congregation and to Tom Buxton for acting as treasurer during Charlie Knutilla's absence.

Our by-laws require the approval of the congregation for significant modifications to the approved budget. This year, due to a very successful auction and concerts, we anticipate a \$15,000 surplus at the end of the fiscal year (end of June).

The Board is proposing two capital projects:

1) Parking Lot Lights -- this is a safety/liability issue. The Board asks that we approve allocating \$4,800 from this year's surplus to be added it to the \$5,200 remaining from the Chalice Lighter Grant for a total of \$10,000 to complete this project. John made the motion. Lois Chowen seconded. Discussion: Charlie gave more information on the proposal - 3 LED on poles in the east lot and 2 in the south lot (where we may expand parking). He has a bid of \$8,000 for hardware (no shipping or tax). These are "dark sky" compliant. County permitting issues are TBD. We think we have enough electrical power for the project. We WILL need a team of volunteers!
Vote: Unanimous in favor

2) Blackout shades for the sanctuary

For several years we have used a temporary system which is difficult and unsafe. Shades are needed for projections of slide shows, movies, lectures etc for worship services, memorials, rentals, etc. The Board asks that we allocate \$4,200 from this year's surplus to complete this project.

John made the motion. Sara Heath seconded.

Discussion: Hunter-Douglas is the only brand that makes shades to fit our large/long windows. These will be total black-out shades -- better than our temporary light-weight drapes. We will not cover the round windows. We will need to advise all "hosts" to use a gentle hand with the cords.

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mavis Cauffman, Administrator for UUCWI