**UUFC Minutes Congregational Meeting June 13, 2021**

President Holley Ulbrich called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

Rev Christina Branum-Martin lit the chalice and presented opening words

emphasizing when we do congregational work “We touch lives.”

Agenda:

1. Vote on bylaws changes. There was some discussion about who would be the chair of Planned Giving. One possibility of the three would be the past president. Bing Johnson asked why the number on the committee was changed from four to three. The answer was the difficulty in finding volunteers to serve. He also commented that persons on the Planned Giving Committee should have knowledge of Stewardship.

Tom Hiebel made a motion to adopt the changes. Dave Sanders seconded. The bylaws changes were approved.

1. Financial Update from Dave Sanders filling in for CFO Michael Elder who is away on vacation: Our budget is in balance and is expected to remain so until the end of the year with the help of the $20,982.00 federal PPP funds. In 2022, we will have to lower expenses or find ways to generate more funds. Michael wishes to thank Petra Baer for fund raising that has exceeded expectations and Petra and Becky Turner for facilitating the change to VANCO for collecting donations for both pledges and benevolences. The donor may pay the fee to VANCO, otherwise the fee is paid by UUFC. There is a plan to pay down the mortgage of $47,299.00 thus reducing our operating expenses by $8,647.00.
2. Update on Interim Ministry: The UUFC board has agreed to extend Interim minister, Rev. Christina Branum-Martin for a third year. This change has been discussed with UUA and is based on possible changes in finances and the difficulty of doing the necessary interim work during a pandemic.
3. Leadership Changes and Vacancies: Derek will be leaving Clemson in July but has promised to remain on the Nominating Committee to include finding his replacement. The nominating committee will also need to find an additional member for Finance, Treasurer for 2022 and board secretary for 2022. On June 26th, there will be a Worship Associate meeting for those on the Worship Committee or anyone interested in being a Worship Associate. Karen Hiebel, Director of Lifespan Faith Formation, wishes to thank volunteers for offering programs for children especially Kathy Crain and Melissa Berger Afragola and Meg MacArthur for delivering packets with activities for children.
4. Reopening Questions and Answers: Suzy Marcus and Rev. Christina: We are now in Phase One. We will follow CDC guidelines. To enter Phase Two there must be a decline in COVID cases for 30 days in Pickens, Anderson, Oconee Counties and one county in GA. The numbers are available from DEHEC. Phase Two could take effect at the end of June. The target date for in-gathering is August 29th. There will only be small groups with the precautions requiring distancing and masks. Groups that meet in the building with be spaced by one hour between meetings. For a single person entering the building, that person does not have to sign the log. Plans will be revised for Phase Three in the fall.
5. Rev Christina expressed her gratitude to the congregation for staying together during this very difficult year.
6. Rev. Christina announced that the August 29th in-gathering will include the water ceremony.

Holley declared the meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Alexander