

The United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford, NY
Annual Corporation & Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting of the United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford, N.Y. was held on January 17, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Room of the Church with 13 members and 1 guest present.

Members present: Sandra DuMond, April Geiger, Sharon Havens, Rebecca Holley, Judith Ives, Jan Lafayette, Beulah Lodovice, Irving Palmer, Roy Straka, Sally Straka, David Williams, Kathryn Williams

Guests: Angie Soltan

The Moderator certified that the "Call of the meeting" was proper with a quorum present and that the meeting was in order. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Patty Wolff.

The reports of the various organizations of the Church were distributed, discussed and accepted as follows with proper motion and second with a unanimous vote.

Clerk of Session Report

Pastor's Report

Presbyterian Women Report

Morning Breakfast and Bible Study Report

Christian Education and Technology Report

Nurturing, Membership and Parish Life Report

Corporation and Administration Report

Stewardship and Mission Report

Worship Report

At this point of the meeting the financial report for 2015, the adopted 2016 operating budget, the Personnel Committee report and terms of call for our Pastor were presented. With a motion and second, the budget, personnel report and financials were approved with a unanimous vote of those present.

At this point of the meeting, we excused the Pastor from the meeting. With regard to the “terms of call for our Pastor”, we then discussed the Pastor’s salary and the Presbytery minimum salary. Following considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that our church increase the Pastor’s Salary to an even \$26,000.00 per year. In that we did not have the detailed salary guidelines from Presbytery (with regard to Pension, insurances, etc.), we left it to the Pastor and Clerk of Session (both absent from this meeting) to arrange the details subsequent to the meeting.

The Nominating Committee reports that no candidates were found to present a slate to fill 2 three year ruling elder terms nor the remaining 2 years of a vacant elder position. Nominations were accepted from the floor with the following results: April Geiger was properly elected to serve as a Ruling Elder for 3 years.

The 2015 Nominating Committee and outgoing elders Jan Lafayette and Dave Williams were dismissed with thanks for their service.

Nominations for two candidates a one year term on the 2016 Nominating Committee were then received from the floor for Rebecca Holley and Judy Ives, members of the congregation. The nominations resulted in the proper election of these persons to this office by the casting of one unanimous ballot.

The proposed Bylaw change to article #13 was moved, and passed be amended to read as follows:

Article #13. In that this church recognizes a Unicameral System, a person elected for a term on the Session shall also be elected to be a member of the Trustees. There shall be **five** ruling Elders on the Unicameral Board (Session) who shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three year term. No ruling elder shall serve on the Session for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years; and shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year shall have elapsed.

Following this last order of business, the minutes of this meeting were read by the Clerk Substitute. By proper motion, second and approval, the minutes of this meeting were approved as read and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm with prayer by the Moderator.

_____ Roy Straka, substitute Clerk of Session