

St. Jacob United Church of Christ
Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2025

Call to Order: President Kay Guse called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Phil opened the meeting with a prayer for the congregation.

REPORTS:

Review of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes: Diane Frey motioned to approve those minutes. Onis Zweck seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ty spoke to the congregation stating that we were under budget for 2024 by \$112.77! We are still in a deficit with offerings. We lean on the Strawberry Festival to help us out. Major expenditures were painting of the steeple, replacing the hot water heater in Heritage Hall, and helping to purchase some of the new chairs. For this year (2025), we have to budget more for insurance costs and replacement of computers. We earned a good sum of interest in 2024, which was rolled back into more CDs. Motion made by Cathy Frutiger, seconded by Peggy Bohnenstiehl to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Pastor's Report (Community, Outreach, and Mission): Pastor Phil wants us to understand that we make an impact in our community (lunch program, ELF's, other activities). We are very involved. We take care of our building and keep it running for future generations. Pastor invites people to give ideas, dreams, or desires of things you want to see from our church. If you have those at any time, please share!

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Church Council: Pastor Phil (church pastor), Ed Ferguson (church secretary), Beth Frank (recording secretary), Cathy Frutiger, Diane Gansmann (financial secretary), Ty Gansmann (treasurer), Kay Guse (president), Angela Imming, Carol Kynion (vice president), Patti Woods, Audrey Yann (memorial fund treasurer). Motion made by Melissa Taylor and seconded by Carol Kynion to accept Cathy and Angela as new council members.

Review of Constitution and By-Laws: One change to the package that was handed out this morning is that the Maintenance Committee will report to the council but not necessarily be members of the council. Motion to approve by-laws was made by Kevin Hollis and seconded by Bruce Frank. Motion carried.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025 - KAY

We have begun adult education and Bible study. We have re-started Sunday School. We are still hoping the mailing we did late last year will bring a bit of traction. We look forward to another successful Strawberry Festival. We continue to reach out and participate in our community. We were involved with Truck or Treat this past year at St. Jacob Elementary School, We handed out bubbles and popsicles during the homecoming parade.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Phil closed the meeting with a prayer and a meal blessing. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Onis Zweck and seconded by Kevin Hollis. Motion carried.

Folks then moved to Heritage Hall for a soup/dessert luncheon.