

# 2022-06-12 Annual Congregational Meeting

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1. **CHALICE & GATHERING WORDS:** 12:55 pm by Reverend McKinley.

2. **QUORUM:** There are 86 members: a quorum (15%) is 13 members.

3. **PARTICIPANTS:**

3.1. Attendance of Voting Members: 35 (16 in-person and 19 on Zoom) - plus the Minister.

Arfaa, Anne	Gausmann, Deborah	Johnstone, Peter	Rieser, Leonard
Bartle, Nicole	Geheb, Anne	Kenty, M Christine	Satchell, Domita
Boyd, Wayne	Grote, Annabel	LaValley, Mary	Soper, Ronald
Bradburd, Arnold	Grote, Harald	Lloyd-Sobolow, Bernadette	Speirs, Louise
Bradburd, Julia	Hain, Jane	McCoubrey, Catherine	Stevens, Craig
Bradley, Cynthia	Hain, Larry	Owili-Eger, Anam	Styer, Timothy
Culhane, C Fern	Hansell, Linda	Pauluch, Barbara	Walters, James
Ferron-Smith, Leslie	Hunt, Portia	Pollack-Johnson, Bruce	Weltman, Suzanne
Foy, Michael	Jobe, Holly	Pollack-Johnson, Linda	

3.2. Attendance of Friends (Non-Voting): None

4. **UPDATES:**

4.1. **Buildings & Grounds (B&G):** Mike Foy presented highlights of the projects that B&G worked on in the past year:

Installation of a concrete pad at the back door of the Hale building to alleviate water leakage into the stairwell.

Removal of shrubs and plastic edging embedded in the playground.

Renovation of the kitchenette and a bathroom (and shower) to make it handicapped accessible.

Masonry work to repair cracked sidewalks and entry stairs.

Major tree trimming.

Hale Lounge was also renovated by two of our members not on B&G.

4.2. **Finance Committee:** Larry Hain gave a brief presentation on behalf of the committee, comprised of Andy Lamas, Domita Satchell, Nicole Bartle, and himself. They approved the 2021 audit and the pledge plan. They also received an assessed value to the property of \$770,000. Market value may be closer to \$1,000,000.

4.3. **Reparations Training and Follow-up:** Bruce Pollack-Johnson reported that following several months of workshops, The participants and people from the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA) are developing a ballot question for Philadelphia to create a reparations commission and to address the Slavery Disclosure Act that's on the books but is not being enforced, and to bring back the Freedman's Bureau to raise awareness of the city leaders.

(WHYY is supposed to have a program about this on either TV or radio tomorrow night.)

- 4.4. **Widening the Circle Follow-up:** Bruce Pollack-Johnson announced that there will be two workshops this coming week on Modified Consensus and Radical Hospitality.
- 4.5. **Searches:**
  - 4.5.1. We have two possible candidates to consider for the RE Coordinator position.
  - 4.5.2. We have a possible Music Director position contact: Rhetta Morgan.
  - 4.5.3. Our Whole Lives (OWL): We have one facilitator and are looking for a second.
- 4.6. **Future Events:**
  - 4.6.1. Cathy McCoubrey and Fern Culhane are planning to coordinate some fun “Shirley Green Picnics for 8” over the summer. Shirley was very excited about returning to having some purely social events.
  - 4.6.2. An Ingathering event is scheduled for September 11 as an in-person event.
  - 4.6.3. We’re hoping to schedule a flea market in the fall.
  - 4.6.4. We will host the TPUC Convention on the weekend of October 7-9.

**5. PRESENTATION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND VOTE:**

- 5.1. Ron Soper thanked all who worked on compiling the slate.

Board of Trustees:

Moderator: Bruce Pollack-Johnson (2023)

**Assistant Moderator: Leslie Ferron-Smith (2024)**

**Treasurer: Nicole Bartle (2024)**

Secretary: Jane Hain (2023)

Trustee: Anne Geheb (2023)

**Trustee: Catherine McCoubrey (2024)**

Trustee: Anam Owili-Eger (2023)

**Trustee: Stephen Workman (2024)**

Nominating Committee:

Chair: Ronald Soper (2023); Brenda Ridley (2023); **Maryellen Norek (2024)**

- 5.2. Tim Styer moved to accept the slate and proceed with the vote for those names in bold. This was seconded by Deb Gausmann.

**THE VOTE:** All members present (in-person and on Zoom) voted unanimously in favor.

- 6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Bruce Pollack-Johnson thanked outgoing Assistant Moderator, Fern Culhane, who has served on the Board of Trustees since 2012, and presented her with retirement gifts.

- 7. **PRESENTATION OF THE ADJUSTED CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT:** Deb Gausmann and Bruce Pollack-Johnson read the revised version of the Covenant.

**THE VOTE:** A show of hands (in-person and on Zoom) approved the document unanimously.

- 8. **POST-INSTALLATION PRESENTATIONS:** Tim Styer concluded the meeting by emceeding a few “special presentations” that were originally planned for after the Installation Ceremony.

Among them:

- Cynthia Bradley offered a “Blessing of Gratitude”.
- Anne Geheb wrote and performed a fun song dedicated to McKinley based on Janis Joplin’s “Mercedes Benz”.
- Portia Hunt presented a testimonial highlighting some, but not all, of McKinley’s finer attributes.

- Tim Styer related how the Ministerial Search Committee Chair told him about this particular candidate who was: ...white, 28, straight, from Texas, drives a pickup truck, and is a Christian... and they really, really loved him!
- Unfortunately Janice Rowland who planned to share an original song, was unable to attend today's meeting.

**9. EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE:** Meeting Adjourned: 1:45 pm.

(Followed by the now ritual of viewing images of McKinley's son, Gryffin, as he grows.)

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane L Hain, Secretary*