

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING - MAY 17, 2009

(to vote on one of the options regarding the future of St. John's)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Frank Acker, president of council. Frank, then turned the meeting over to Roger McGill, council member.

Motion to accept the agenda for this meeting by Mike Woodard, second by John Anderson.
Motion carried.

Opening prayers were presented by Bonnie Klatt - "Take a Deep Breath"
Pastor John Klatt, introduced the honored guests invited to this meeting. The Rev. Edward Sproul, Assistant to the Bishop of the Upstate N Y Synod -ELCA. (to act as Parliamentarian) The Rev. Bronwen Boswell, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church and Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Western New York, (review Etiquette at congregational meetings)

Recommendation of the church council:

"Whereas the total cost of option two exceeds what might be considered reasonable for St. John's Therefore, be it resolved that option two be excluded from consideration and that in its place, option la be substituted leaving four options to be voted on." Discussion followed re: ballot la replaced the original option 2. Motion carried.

Recommendation of the church council:

"Because there have been three town hall meetings and presentations and discussions before the meeting today, the church council suggests that a ten minute limit be placed on discussion preceding the vote. The ten minute discussion time may be extended by motion and vote of the assembly at any time. Discussion followed and approved by those members in attendance.

Before the vote was taken, Pastor Klatt suggested extending an extra 20 minutes allowing each option a 5 minute presentation. Motion made by Charles Arnold to comply with this request, second by Jill Wolf. Motion did not carry, (voting was done by show of hands). It was unanimously defeated.

Clarification of ballots

Pastor Bronwen explained the ballot sheet, the need of three ballots if necessary.

Pastor introduced the ballot counters from 1st. Presbyterian. Pastor Sproul led the prayer before the vote.

There were 221 members who signed and attended the meeting.

The voting took place at 2:10 p.m.

During the process of voting and collecting the ballots, the members sang hymns from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book.

When the tellers brought the outcome to Pastor Bronwen, she read the following

216 ballots turned in	
Option 1	7 votes
Option 2	20 votes
Option 3	143 votes
Option 4	46 votes

Pastor Bronwen declared option 3 to be the winner on the 1st Ballot.

Brief comments were made by Pastor Klatt, Pastor Bronwen, and Pastor Sproul, asking for the members to pray for unity and guidance.

Motion to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. by Frank Acker, second by Bernie Springer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Bartkowiak