

## Unity of Greater Hartford – Annual Meeting - February 21, 2021 via Zoom

12:13 pm - Scott welcomed everyone and introduced the board members: Scott Harrison (President), Lee Dittman (Vice President), Sandra Dickerson (Secretary), Wendy Billings (member at large), Angela Cimadon (member at large)

Scott also talked about the bylaw changes and using the zoom poll to vote

Pray In – 12:15 pm - Reverend Christine

Reverend Christine recited the church's:

- Mission
- Vision
- Core values

Scott Harrison:

- Gave a recap of 2020 including how the church closed in March and one week later had services online via Facebook
- Thanked the following:
  - Sunday Service team (Deborah Giddings, Carolyn Fisher and Toni Bensco) as well as others who made appearances during the year including guest speaker Rev. Linda Martello Whitsett, Rev. Felicia Searcy, Rev. Paul Hasselbeck, Jim Mundy and Rev. Chris DiGiorgio
  - Those who assisted with the online Wednesday Mediation Service (Deborah Giddings, Toni Bensco, Wendy Billing) as well as Kate Morrison who read the Daily Word on Facebook once a week
  - Our Newsletter Editor Susan Wright

Lee Dittman discussed 2020 events including:

- Church picnic and town hall 9/27/20
- World Day of Prayer 9/9/20 organized and conducted by the Prayer Chaplains
- Brittany Jones reading children books on our website
- Love Connection Calls by the Church Ambassadors and Prayer Chaplains
- Senior Blessing Bags created for MACC (Manchester Area Conference of Churches)
- Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve on Zoom
- Celebration of life for:
  - Virginia Castiano 12/19/20
  - Norma Lahainer 2/7/21
- Classes included:
  - Twelve Spiritual Powers
  - Absolute First Steps
  - Affirmative Prayer

Scott Harrison gave overview of the church financials:

- He thanked everyone of the Finance Sub-Committee; Bonnie Rowe, Jude Gerard, Deborah Giddings, Reverend Christine
- Review of last year's financials:
  - \$233,606.17 income
  - \$250,381.15 expenses

- -16,774.18 net deficit
- PPD loan \$19,000
- The church has applied for another PPD loan
- Discussed how improvements were needed to help the church's future growth

Wendy Billings read list of church improvement:

- Moved the Air compressor from the Sanctuary to the attic
- Purchased new wooden vertical blinds so we can film and block sunlight
- Sidewalk repairs
- Live Streaming equipment and training, including rewiring of the sanctuary as well as new audio board and multi-dimensional microphones
- Updated and replaced two computers
- Cloud backup of computer files

Scott stated we have \$190,000 left on our mortgage and should be finished in 5 years

Angela Cimadon read the Rise Up letter that was mailed to all members.

Scott discussed the Rise Up letter- "if you can give more, please do. If you can't, please add your prayers. We are not in trouble"

Reverent Christine discussed:

- Two New Ministry last year: Church Ambassadors and Unity Players
  - Church Ambassadors – Donna Marshall – First Year Creating: Jim Mahoney, Lori Myrick, Ophni & Suseth Davis, Bob Leo, Julie Alyward, Jocelyn Smith, & Angela Cimadon. AND now online Facebook three of our Church Ambassadors are still serving – Angela, Ophni and Suseth
  - Unity Players – Rita Faith Macrae, Lee Dittman, Agnes Rose and Rob Moorehouse
- Church Ministries groups met to come up with Reopening Plans that we did utilize in several outdoor events
  - World Day of Prayer
  - Pet Blessing
  - Annual Picnic
- Thanked all the ministry groups who participated
  - Music & Choir & Sound Masters – Carolyn Fischer
  - Greeters– Lois DiMille
  - Prayer Chaplains – Deborah Giddings
  - Worship Assistants - Kirk Smallidge
  - Holy Clickers – Rob Moorehouse
  - Ushers - Wendy Billings
  - Hospitality - Jocelyn Smith
  - Care Team – Eleese Thomas
  - Bookstore – Bonnie Rowe
  - Unity Kids Classroom – Brittney Young
  - Writers & Voices – Liston Filyaw
  - Past Board Members
- Upcoming classes:
  - Paul Hasselback - 4/20,4/27,5/4

- Prayer Chaplain class in April – led by Deborah Giddings and other Prayer Chaplains
- Asked that if anyone had ideas for classes, to let her know via email [Revchris@unityhartford.org](mailto:Revchris@unityhartford.org)

### Nominating Section

- Scott Harrison read Section 4.04, A-D of the bylaws regarding nomination committee and then introduced the nominating committee members :
  - Jim Mahoney - Chair
  - Donna Marshall – Congregation Representative
  - Scott Harrison - Board Representative
  - Reverend Christine
- Sandra Dickerson did the roll call, there were 29 members present
- Jim Mahoney stated that there were two open positions, each for three year terms
  - He introduced the two candidates, Sue Smallidge and Christine Kiely and asked each to answer the question, “Why do you want to serve on the board?”
- Scott Harrison asked for a motion to close the nomination and Bonnie Rowe made the motion and Angela Cimadon seconded, and passed unanimously.
- Scott Harrison explained how the online polling would work
- The voting results were:
  - 26 voted
  - 25 in favor
  - 1 abstained
- Scott Harrison explained that the members had to vote for next year’s nomination committee and an alternate, and that you can self-nominate
  - Wendy Billings nominated Kathy Digges, who accepted. Angela Cimadon seconded the motion and passed unanimously
  - Angela Cimadon nominated Mary Scutt, who accepted. Lee Dittman seconded the motion and passed unanimously
  - Motion to close nomination was made by Angela Cimadon, Leah Bell seconded and passed unanimously
- Scott Harrison explained the voting would be done in zoom in a private chat with Sandra Dickerson, and to submit the person you were voting for.
- Lee Dittman thanked Scott Harrison for his years of service on the Board and especially for serving this past year as President. Everyone applauded and thanks Scott!
- The result of the vote was:
  - Kathy Digges – Nomination Committee Member
  - Mary Scutt – Alternate if Kathy cannot serve

Pray out 1:28pm - Reverend Christine