

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Port Washington, Wisconsin

Fall Congregational Meeting – November 29, 2020 Meeting Summary

Meeting was called to order by Jeanne Mantsch, Church Moderator, at 11:00 a.m. There were 33 people in attendance via Zoom. Jeanne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Craig Modahl presented an update on behalf of the Stewardship Committee. All members should have received their Stewardship packets this past week. And quite a few responses have been received already. Craig urged members to get their pledges in during the next few weeks, so that we can welcome Pastor Scott with knowledge that we are moving ahead confidently despite the pandemic.

Lorraine Halls has been officially hired as our Financial Administrator. Lorraine is transitioning to this position after serving as Treasurer for almost four years. Lorraine presented the Proposed 2021 Church Budget. There was a time for questions following the presentation of the budget. The budget gets voted on at the Winter Congregational Meeting in January. If anyone would like to receive a copy of the budget, please email lorraine@portucc.org.

Kathy Bretl has been appointed by the Council to the position of Treasurer to complete Lorraine's term until next spring.

Our 35th Annual Christmas Tree Sale began this past Friday. The trees were delivered on Tuesday and unloaded by about two dozen students from the high school. The Church School children have provided ornaments to be offered to tree buyers as a way of saying thanks.

Rev. Don Niederfrank will be conducting short Advent Candle Lighting Zoom Gatherings on Tuesday evenings during Advent, beginning this coming Tuesday, December 1. Church members and friends will receive a delivery of a candle that was used last Christmas Eve to use if they would like.

Jim Clements, our Representative of the Property Team on the Church Council, provided an update on the window and bell tower repairs to the church. Since so few of us have been able to be at church, it was very reassuring to hear that our church property is being kept in good repair, awaiting our return.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51.

(Summary prepared by Jeanne Mantsch, Church Moderator)