

TUCW Membership Meeting Minutes May 5, 2019

K Vogel, President, called the meeting to order at 12:30pm

MJ Cross, Secretary, stated there were 127 members in attendance, and we had a quorum.

A Pfluger, Committee On Ministries chair, spoke to the Covenant of Right Relations.

Rev J Morehouse lit the chalice and read from M Oliver.

K Vogel assumed the Moderator position and explained the purpose and logistics of the meeting.

C Seiple, co-chair Capital Campaign Planning Team, moved, R Burnham second: **to approve a Capital Campaign for Building improvements.**

Kristen Leddy presented an overview and background of the proposed capital campaign.

Ken proposed a process of discussion – line up to speak to pros and cons, limit remarks to 2 minutes, keep comments and questions limited to the motion on the floor. As no objections were raised to this process, the process was adopted.

S Singer asked a point of order question - when could amendments be proposed?

Ken explained amendments can be offered anytime by coming to the pro line, and stating the amendment. Once seconded, discussion on the amendment will take place.

After several comments were heard in favor of a Capital Campaign, S Singer proposed, D Valentine second, the following amendment.

“To gather additional information by directing the Board of Trustees to convene a task force in order to:

- *Identify financing alternatives for the church renovation and upgrade project including but not limited to grants, rebates, and loans.*
- *Contact grant and rebate providers, banks and other organizations that specialize in church financing to determine the feasibility, requirements and estimated costs.*
- *Develop financial models of differing loan and repayment scenarios for loans from \$250,000 t \$1,000,000.*
- *Compare the estimated costs of outside financing to the estimated costs of delaying portions of the church renovation and upgrade project.*

- *Report findings and recommendations to the Congregation for consideration before voting to approve final church renovation and upgrade plans and budgets.”*

After comments by proponents and opponents to the amendment, S Singer asked to make a friendly change to the amendment, striking the last phrase beginning with “for consideration”. The revised amendment read:

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- *Contact grant and rebate providers, banks and other organizations that specialize in church financing to determine the feasibility, requirements and estimated costs.*
- *Develop financial models of differing loan and repayment scenarios for loans from \$250,000 t \$1,000,000.*
- *Compare the estimated costs of outside financing to the estimated costs of delaying portions of the church renovation and upgrade project.*
- *Report findings and recommendations to the Congregation.”*

After additional pro and con comments, L Garvey called the question. There being no opposition to this call, a vote was taken on the amendment.

Vote: pro= 31 con = larger then 31 by show of VOTE cards,
The amendment failed.

C Onyemelukwe then called for a vote on the original Capital Campaign motion: One person objected. The Call to Vote was put to a vote, which requires a 2/3 majority to pass.

Vote on the Call: 31 to continue talking; 80 to stop talking and vote on the main motion. The Call to vote passed.

The original motion, **to approve a Capital Campaign for Building improvements**, was put to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Cross -
Secretary of the Board of Trustees