Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes December 6, 2020 11:15 a.m. – Sanctuary

The 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting was held in the Sanctuary at First Christian Church on the second Sunday of December, following due notice per Article VI (A)(1) of the By-Laws of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Congregants attended in person and via Zoom online, as authorized by the General Board and Governor's Resolution 37 JBE 2020 as continued.

Pam Jones, Board president, brought the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. and received the motion of Chris Culp, seconded by Ed Atkins, that the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting be accepted.

Jones then reviewed the 2020 slate of leadership nominees prepared by the Nominating Committee. She recognized those members of leadership whose terms are expiring and gave thanks for their service to First Christian Church. On motion of Carol Madere, seconded by Jeff Cody, the ballot was approved and put before the membership for vote by paper and online ballot. Carol Madere collected the completed paper ballots; Jo Craddock collected the online ballots, and tabulated both. The slate was approved without opposition.

Dak McInnis, treasurer, reviewed the proposed 2021 budget previously shared with the congregation by distribution in paper and online, making particular note of the challenges presented the congregation during 2020, including COVID and the PPP loan/grant secured, as well as adaptations made in the 2021 budget to reflect the current operating and service situations. He also advised the congregation of the disposal of the church van. The congregation displayed affectionate but necessary farewell. Approval of the proposed budget was moved by Mike Wilson and seconded by Judy Lester. By voice vote, with no opposition, the budget was approved and accepted.

There being no further business before the congregation, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m. by Pam Jones.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Poché, Secretary /jc