

## ***Special Congregational Meeting, February 10, 2018***

**The Second Congregational Church in Newcastle  
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
Congregational Vote to Approve the 2018 Proposed Budget  
Sunday, February 10, 2018**

*Sent to Council by email for review March 12, 2018  
To Be Approved by the Congregation at the February 24, 2019 Annual Meeting*

**Opening:** Moderator, Chuck Farrell opened the meeting at 11:06 AM and welcomed members and friends, and explained the voting rights of members and non-members.

**Establishment of a Quorum:** Counters Mary Bausch and Phil Blomquist counted the members present and informed the Clerk, who declared that we indeed had a quorum to conduct the business of the meeting.

**Call to Order:** The quorum established, Chuck Farrell, called the Special Meeting of the Second Congregational Church in Newcastle Maine to order. He directed counters to distribute the following informational packet comprised of: 2018 Proposed Budget; Trustees Annual Report for 2017, 2018 Roster of Officers, Boards & Committees and a Director of Intergenerational Faith Formation job description.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Char Corbett offered the opening prayer.

**Motion:** Shirley Tawney *moved that the congregation approve the proposed 2018 Budget.* Lynn Kimball seconded the motion.

*See Addendum A: Proposed 2018 Budget*

John Janell, former treasurer and member since 1998, raised concerns about including the \$28K carry-forward in a budget of ongoing expenses, setting a pace for going forward with a \$273K budget for 2019 and beyond. He considers the carry-over a one-time event, not likely to happen again. John urged the Trustees to re-work the budget.

In response to John Janell's observations, John Pfahler, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, explained the Trustees position and their decision to consciously support what would grow the church, i.e., Christian Education; Director of Intergenerational Faith; Vitality; etc. He agreed that the Budget was "stretching ourselves", but felt that the Trustees would be able to make adjustments if in 6 months the positive financial outlook should fade.

Brad Craig shared the concerns of John Janell regarding the budget and suggested that the Trustees use the 2017 Operating Budget as an interim budget. He further urged the Trustees to come up with a projection of 5 years of future budgets.

Bill Bausch questioned the potential loss of facility-use funds, as rumored, by current rentals (Rotary and Weight Watchers). This could result in an over \$10K loss of revenue for the Church.

Treasurer Pam Gormley addressed questions about individual proposed budget line items. Pam feels the budget is reasonable. As of today, both Weight Watchers and Rotary remain renters and neither has informed the church that they will be moving on.

**The Vote:** The 2018 Proposed Budget was approved by the majority of the voters in attendance.

**Motion:** Pam Gormley *moved that the Congregation approve an amendment to the Trustees 2017 Annual Report and insert the signature of John Pfahler, Chairman.* Bill Bausch seconded the motion.

**The Vote:** The Congregation voted to unanimously to make the change to the 2017 Trustee's Annual Report.

**Closing:** The meeting ended at 11:34 AM

**Special Congregational Meeting, February 10, 2018 Continued**

**Closing:** The meeting was ended at 11:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Addendum A –*

Second Congregational Church	2018 Proposed Budget	2017 Actual
Balance Forward	\$28,562	\$16,000
<b>INCOME</b>		
Facility Use	\$16,000	\$16,295
Ed Clark Memorial Fund	\$40,723	\$39,723
Investment Income (95%)	\$26,000	\$24,252
Loose Offerings	\$4,500	\$4,252
Pledges	\$138,000	\$143,138
Donations	\$10,000	\$9,962
Vera Varney - Steeple 25%	\$2,000	\$1,859
Vera Varney - Unrestricted 50%	\$4,000	\$3,718
Women's Fellowship	\$500	
CO - Investment Income 5%	\$1,450	\$1,238
CO - Vera Varney 25%	\$2,000	\$1,859
Myra Martin Funds	\$500	
<b>TOTAL INCOME w/BF</b>	<b>\$274,235</b>	<b>\$262,296</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Building	\$55,389	\$58,082
Christian Education	\$5,550	\$1,987
Intergenerational Minister	\$15,000	
Music Ministry	\$39,450	\$26,605
Pastor	\$93,776	\$88,313
UCC Missions	\$4,750	\$6,672
Office	\$30,173	\$30,194
General	\$6,200	\$4,340
Stewardship	\$750	\$682
Communications Committee	\$330	\$200
Vitality	\$1,950	\$1,500
Council	\$5,000	\$2,387
<b>CHRISTIAN OUTREACH</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$12,772</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$273,318</b>	<b>\$233,734</b>
<b>Net Income/Expense</b>	<b>\$917</b>	<b>\$28,562</b>