

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Congregational vote on a tabled motion from the Jan 28, 218 Annual Meeting
and vote on 3 motions from the Christian Outreach Committee
regarding the John Andrews Bequest**

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Sent to Council by email for Tuesday, June 19, 2018

To Be Approved by the Congregation at the February 24, 2019 Annual Meeting

Opening: Moderator, Chuck Farrell opened the meeting at 11:10 AM and welcomed members and friends, and explained the voting rights of members and non-members.

Establishment of a Quorum: Counters Barbara Wright, John Merrill and Sharon White 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.

Tabled Motion Vote: Chuck read the following tabled motion by Laurie Chandler which was tabled at the January 28, 2018 Annual Meeting:

"I move that that the Trustees establish a John Andrews Memorial Fund in the amount of \$100K to be administered by the Trustees and the fund use to be designated by the C.O. Board and the remaining balance of \$8K be transferred into the 2018 CO Budget to meet current needs".

After a second from Pam Gormley the motion was on the table for discussion. There was some confusion about the need to vote down the tabled motion in order to proceed with three new motions from the Christian Outreach Committee regarding the management and disbursement of the remaining John Andrews funds.

On behalf of Laurie Chandler, who could not be present, Chuck read the following email message from Laurie:
"I will not be present at the specially called Congregational Meeting on June 17. I give permission for my tabled motion from the last annual meeting to be reconsidered and voted against, in order to bring forward a new motion regarding the John Andrews Outreach Fund".

A vote of the congregation was taken and the Moderator declared the previously tabled motion defeated.

Motion # 1: Mindy Starr-Pfahler, Chair of the Christian Outreach Board, offered the first motion:
The Christian Outreach Committee moves that the funds remaining in the John Andrews bequest be renamed "The John Andrews Outreach Fund" and be assigned to the Board of Christian Outreach for the purpose of awarding grants as outlined in the Board's proposal.

The motion was seconded, and discussed briefly, and the vote taken was positive with one opposing vote. The Moderator declared the motion passed.

Motion #2: Mindy Starr-Pfahler, on behalf of the Board of Christian Outreach, moved that:

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Funds remaining in the John Andrews Outreach Fund continue under Investment Ministry Team management until needed by the Board of Christian Outreach.

The motion was seconded, discussed and voted. The motion carried.

Motion #3: Mindy Starr-Pfahler, on behalf of the Board of Christian Outreach, moved that:

The award of up to \$10,000 in grants by the Board of Christian Outreach in calendar year 2018 be approved.

The motion was seconded and discussion followed around C. O. procedures. It was confirmed that the grants will be awarded to non-profit organizations. It was also confirmed that the \$10K amount was only for this fiscal year. If an extraordinarily worthwhile opportunity presents itself, one seeking more than \$10,000 allotted, the C.O. Board would come back to the Congregation for additional funds. The C.O. Board will return to each future annual meeting seeking the Congregation's approval of that fiscal year's funding. Mindy confirmed that the C.O. Board will facilitate the grant administration process and intends to visit the awardee sites and report back to the Congregation.

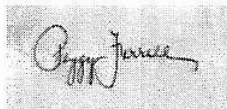
The motion was unanimously approved.

Closing Prayer: After praising the comprehensive work and commitment of the C. O. Board in preparation for today's vote, Pastor Char Corbett offered the closing prayer lifting up a new vision for missions in our church and appreciation of John Andrews and his love for his community.

Adjournment: Moderator Chuck Farrell adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM with words from the Church's Mission statement:

*We welcome all into the fellowship of this beloved community of worshippers
gathered by God in Christ as we walk together, nurturing
our inward spiritual journey of faith and our outward spiritual journey
by practicing love and justice in our communities and the world.*

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Farrell, Clerk