**Greensboro Association**

Annual Meeting of the Membership

Minutes – UNAPPROVED

Thursday, August 8, 2019

4:00 PM

Greensboro United Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall

1. **Welcome Remarks & President’s Report (Vince Cubbage)**: Vince called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM, welcomed the membership to this year’s annual meeting and outlined the agenda.
2. **President’s Report.** Vince thanked the members of the board and committees for their volunteer efforts and the members for their time and donations to the GA and Fund for Greensboro.
3. **Approval of the 2018 Minutes.** John Stone noted one change – the correction of a person’s name. There were no other changes suggested. John Hewitt moved to approve the minutes for the 2018 Annual Meeting. Karen Gowen seconded. The Minutes for the 2018 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.
4. **Committee Reports. See Committee Reports on the Website here:** <https://www.greensboroassociation.org/resources/reports/>
   1. **Lake Protection (Stew Arnold)** See Stew’s written report submitted. Stew highlighted:
      1. Caspian water quality is good – and we can once again announce that ee have found no invasive species
      2. Phosphorous. We are actively testing for phosphorous - additional sampling taking place this year
      3. Shoreline watershed – Stew indicated our participation in “Lake Wise – <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakeshores-lake-wise> and emphasized things that each home owner can and should do with their own shoreline and lawns to reduce phosphorous levels and protect the lake.
      4. Greeter program – It has been 24 years. Caspian introduced this to the state of Vermont
      5. High Water. The dam issues continue – opening the weir has been a challenge. There have been some improvements in this communication recently and we are optimistic about water levels this fall and winter.
      6. Loons – Many may have heard about the “Battle of the 4th of July” – This shows a positive sign for the success of the population of loons as pairs fight for nesting locations.
      7. Goose poop – This has much improved following efforts to harass the geese via a permit to harass / obliterate nests – the population has come down and the poop has been reduced significantly.
   2. **Grants (John Schweizer)**
      1. John described the mission of the committee to support town initiatives and organizations that enhance the community working within the budget allocated by the GA. Grants are provided to Greensboro Organizations who supply a necessary service and that have insufficient found raising capabilities. There were 18 worthy applications totaling $20k. 13 grants for $12,500. See report for specific recipients.
      2. John then outlined the broader needs in the community that cannot be met with the limited budget available for grants currently and encouraged greater donor contribution to the GA and the Fund for Greensboro to help expand out impact.
   3. **Fund for Greensboro (FFG) (Becky Arnold)**
      1. Becky Arnold provided context and background of the FFG – the ability to create an endowment in order to better fund projects and programs via the Grants Committee.
      2. She also briefly introduced the participants at the tables in the room who represent some of the recipients of GA Grants program which is funded in part by the FFG
      3. Growth of the fund was $77k in the last year (this double again the previous year)
      4. The combined unrestricted and community funds are now over $100k allowing the fund to begin to support the grants program at a modest level.
      5. Becky also introduced the 1781 Society and indicated that 18 new (35 total) members have joined the 1781 Society representing deferred commitments of over $500k.
   4. **Treasurer & Auditor Reports and FY2019 Budget (Rick Lovett)**
      1. Rick outlined how we have had another good year financially.
      2. Income was approximately $20k including dues and unrestricted contributions, fireworks and proceeds from the Caspian Challenge.
      3. Average donations were $55 – including dues and additional donations
      4. Expenses will increase some in this next year with the bi-annual directory and software for membership. Income will also come in from directory sales.
      5. The GA has $232k assets, $21k in checking. No liabilities, no debts, no employees. The GA has transformed from the traditionally small association with an approximately $20k in assets with the introduction of the Fund for Greensboro.
      6. Rick welcomed a motion to approve the report and John Hewitt motioned to approve the Treasurers report. Mary Parker seconded. Motion approved
   5. **Nominating Committee (Don Jenkins)**
      1. Don Jenkins introduced the members of the nominating committee and presented the proposed slate of directors and officers. The proposed Class of 2022

1. Betsy Hunt

2. Naomi Ranz-Schleifer

3. Linda Ely

4. Andy Dales

5. Cathy Irwin

6. Allison Stegner

7. Stew Arnold

* + 1. Officers: President: Vince Cubbage. Vice Presidents: Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Betsy Hunt, OPEN. Secretary: John C. Stone III Treasurer: Richard Lovett. Assistant Treasurer: Andy Dales
    2. Vince thanked Don and discussed the open position and plans to fill this position on an interim basis.
    3. John Hewitt moved to accept the Nominating Slate as presented and Karen Gowen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
    4. Linda Ely offered recognition to Don who is stepping down from the board for his work on behalf of the GA and his service leading the nominating committee over the last 6 years.
  1. **Membership Committee Report (Linda Ely)** 
     1. Linda announced that the Directory will continue to be published and biannually. She also announced the need to change the online directory from an unsupported system to a new system. The committee (Betsy Hunt and Linda Ely) reviewed options and selected Membee. Members will get a membership email welcoming you to the new system and help is available from Linda if any questions come up.
  2. **New Business and Membership Comments** 
     1. Trish Alley introduced the efforts searching for a new principal and announced that Justine Guthrie will be joining the Lakeview School as Superintendent. This is Justine’s 13th year in teaching. She comes from Barre, Vermont. Trish also read a quote from Justine and from Adam Rosenberg and outlined the district’s goal to collaborate with communities and the local school.
     2. Gina Jenkins announced that Brian Labelle appointed administrator of the Nursing Home.
     3. Nancy Hill reminded members about the meeting on August 22 for the Greater Greensboro Step 2 - Voting on Priorities for Action at 6:30 at the Lakeview School.
  3. **Community Initiatives Committee Report and Introduction of Organizations in Attendance (Naomi Ranz-Schleifer)** 
     1. Naomi introduced the organizations participating at tables in the Fellowship Hall and how we invited them here to represent some of the work of the GA and the impact of our donations. She invited the members to visit the tables and learn more about their activities following the business meeting,
     2. Naomi also announced the Bend Block Party which is scheduled tomorrow (Friday August 9).
  4. **Motion to adjourn** 
     1. John Hewitt made a motion to adjourn and Don Jenkins seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

**Open Forum with Attending Community Organizations (5PM-6PM)**