

FRS Special Parish Board Meeting – January 29, 2025

Note: This meeting was held on Zoom only.

Present: Tina Benik, Tom Himmel, Kathy Desilets, Jim Supple, Laurie Evans-Daly, Vern Ellis, Minnie Flanagan, Bob Higgins, Sarina Kahn Reddy, Andy Lobb, Lori Clark, Liss Larsen, Renee Wolf Foster, Reverend Rebecca. Note: voting members are listed in bold.

Call to Order: Tina Benik called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Opening: Rev. Rebecca shared a reading from Joy Harjo's book *Warrior* which discussed turning to beloveds in times of terror, working to create, and taking one step at a time given the terror around us.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the annual campaign goal for this year. Jim Supple reported that the budget is not final at this time, and that we need to approve a pledge goal that is reasonable and sufficient to allow for printing of the Annual Giving Campaign brochure. For the past two years, a pledge match toward the end of the campaign helped us meet our goal, and this may be necessary again. We are hoping to outgrow the need for this soon. The proposed goal is \$590,000. We have positive indicators for income. Our fundraising income has increased this year, and we expect to end the year with a surplus. We will also receive Barbara Owen's legacy funds and have capital reserves available if needed. The Finance Committee is exploring cost-saving measures. We hope that the new budget format that is being planned will make it easier to track income and expenses.

Tina said that she believes that the proposed target for the campaign is good. This is the smallest increase since Rev. Rebecca started as minister of FRSUU. She extended thanks to all those who worked on the budget.

ACTION: Approve Annual Giving Campaign Goal

Motion: Jim moved that we accept the Annual Giving campaign goal of \$590,000 which was approved by the Finance Committee for church year 2025-26. Vern seconded and the motion passed without objection.

Rev. Rebecca reminded us once again of the need for connection and for joy.

The meeting was closed at 6:45pm on a motion by Minnie, seconded and universally approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Desilets, Parish Clerk