**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION/CORPORATION MEETING**

**Sunday, February 10, 2019**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of Second Presbyterian Church was held on Sunday, February 10, 2019, in the Sanctuary. The meeting was called to order at 11:55am and opened with prayer by Moderator, Rev. Dr. Robert Woodruff, Pastor.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the meeting was to (1) receive the Annual Reports; (2) elect members at large to the Nominating Committee; (3) elect one Deacon; (4) hear an update on the 2019 budget and pledges.

**QUORUM**

The clerk declared a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The clerk reported that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Congregation of November 18, 2018, were approved by the Session as requested.

The Congregation **VOTED** to ask the Session to approve the minutes of this meeting and that the approval be reported to the congregation at the next meeting of the Congregation.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

The annual reports had been made available the previous Sunday, and distributed via email. No concerns or questions were voiced.

The congregation **VOTED** to receive the reports as distributed.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Moderator announced that Reme Molo would continue as Chair of the Nominating Committee, with Co-Chair Pat Gilberto. The four persons nominated by Session are: Ruth Montoya, Toby Montoya, Martha Powers, and Bob Romero.

There being no nominations from the floor, the congregation **VOTED** to close nominations and elect those four by acclamation.

Pat Gilberto nominated Clarabelle Padilla to the Board of Deacons, Class of 2019.

There being no nominations from the floor, the congregation **VOTED** to close nominations and elect Clarabelle by acclamation.

Pastor Woodruff acknowledged and thanked those who were completing their term of service on Session, Ruth Montoya and John Van Dyke; and Deacons who were completing their term: Mickey McHugh and Beverly Molo.

**2019 BUDGET AND PLEDGES**

Pastor Rob asked Elder Eli Lopez to review the 2019 budget and pledges for the congregation. Eli acknowledged the generosity of the congregation that he had witnessed and experienced as Chair of Hospitality. Eli told us that the 2019 was approved with an expected deficit. This is based on the faith of the Session that our programs are doing well. If the deficit is not covered by additional giving and pledges, there are sufficient funds in reserve to cover the predicted deficit. Eli noted that in the Session retreat to Ghost Ranch, all Session members promised to increase their giving pledge for 2019. Henceforward, the Stewardship and Finance Committee will attempt to be transparent and straight forward with the current budget, and the projections for pledges, in the newsletter, a letter from Session, and other means. As Moderator of Presbyterian Men, Eli stated that the 2019 fundraiser dinner by Presbyterian Men will include a status report on the budget, pledges, and any projected deficits.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Pastor Rob asked for, and received, the following joys and concerns from the congregation:

1. Beverly Chavez said that she receives many positive remarks from the public about our church.
2. Joyce Carlson-Leavitt expressed pride that the congregation supports those in the transgender community who have fled persecution and threats in other countries.
3. Beverly Molo expressed thanks for the personal support she and her family has received from the congregation during the recent illness of her husband, Reme, and for the support she has witnessed given to others who are suffering from illnesses. Bev also expressed thanksgiving for witnessing the good that has been done with the visits of the Deacons, and others, to members and friends who are home-bound, and especially lifted up the Deacons’ program of the Farthest Pew.
4. Pastor Rob witnessed that he has received positive responses from member of the Presbytery when he asked them for their input on their impression and opinion of Second, and he shared those responses with Session on their retreat to Ghost Ranch.
5. Elder Anita Abeyta expressed excitement and gratefulness for those teachers and assistants who are core to the Christian Education program. She is always eager to welcome additional teachers and helpers and will have a CE open house for the congregation.

There being no further business, Pastor Rob asked Karmen Van Dyke to adjourn the meeting with prayer at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George T. Huggins, Clerk Rev. Dr. Robert Woodruff, Pastor