

New Church Challenge

Annual Meeting

O5/3/2023

Roll Call: Philip Smith, George McCurdy, Lois McCurdy, Ken Alden, Kim Alden, Teresa Buss, Kayla Buss, Peter Buss, Jr., Margo Farrington, Joan Henry, Terry Schnarr, Phil Schnarr, Mina Smith, Leona Fritch, Anthea Stewart, Rachel Martin, Lisa Hyatt Cooper, Judy Hyatt, Les Alden, Martha Asplundh, Elsa Moorhead, Roxanne Genzlinger, Emily Smith, Sarah Wong, Sig Soneson, Jane Blair, Max Blair, Clayton Walsh, James Cole, Jennifer Cole

Called to order: 7 pm

New Church Challenge was incorporated in 1993, so this is our 30-year anniversary. Mission is to serve people and families with disabilities. Paper copies of minutes from 2022 available. James started being the president in 2019.

Financial report: Past year significantly less than the year before, but there were a lot in response to the passing of Kurt Asplundh. Expenses were higher, due to major grants in support of a school, and also another grant.

Horizon group had a lot of fun this year. Football-watching party, a holiday cookie baking, a valentine decorating party.

Pancake breakfast VERY popular this year.

Family grants fund has plenty of money. Respite care, other expenses, etc. International request from South Africa.

Founder's Fund has significant funds. To improve, renovate, or expand houses for family members.

Carlson Bequest: Vocational training for special needs people. We have made a few distributions lately which is good because the funds sat for 20 years.

James thanked Nina Kline for her continued work on the newsletter, sent out spring and fall. Latest newsletter is on the website, but it is not usually there, as it is a member benefit. Phil Schnarr has served since 2011. Vice president, unofficial chaplain. Token of appreciation. James also thanked all the board members. Nice to see everyone in person since most of the meetings have been on Zoom. Thanks also to Horizon parents and friends.

Business: approve nominees: Phil is moving to the other side of the country. Nominees are James Cole, Glenn 'Mac' Frazier, Sarah Wong and Nina Kline. No discussion needed. All in favor say aye. Unanimous approval. The board of directors present nominees to the

membership, and the membership affirms the selection, but the slate is presented to the General Church Board and they vote to elect the members.

Request for new business, old business, questions for any board members. One question: is there any age limit? The answer is no. Do you include autism? Yes.

Adjourn 7:45 pm

Roxanne Genzlinger lives in Kempton with her husband and three children. Two of her children are special needs.

Diagnosed with epilepsy and intellectual disabilities.

Caleb's Café in a little building that is part of the Kempton Church campus. In Caleb's middle and high school years, they ran a little coffee shop out of their classroom once a week. They learned cash register skills, customer flow, keeping it clean, etc. Caleb loved it, and they presented the idea to Brett Buick, the pastor, and he loved it. So they got some donations etc, but they realized they couldn't have done it without more money so they came to New Church Challenge for a grant. The community has helped. Nina bakes every week, Heather Smith makes sticky buns and a home schooling girl bakes too. They found a local roaster. SpeakEasy Roaster. The owner helped them with the equipment, servicing, making all the drinks. October 2021 they opened their doors. Roxanne loved seeing people interacting with Caleb. High School kids come a lot. Caleb loves trivia, so every day he puts up a trivia question on the board, and the football scores. Parents of school students, but also other people they don't see as often. Community Center asked them to have a Caleb's Café booth at a recent event. Roxanne and Caleb don't take a salary yet, but they are getting closer to that. They do cover their costs and even set aside a little bit of money. They hope to have their own building some day, and offer in-job training to local special needs students.

Leona Fritch has more than 24 years of experience in special ed. Special ed coordinator as well as 3-4 classroom teacher. She also makes the ed plans for the high school students. We are the test school. We asked for some money and we put together a classroom as learning resource, with a paraprofessional to help them. By June, she will have her paraprofessional certificate. Sarah Heiter is this person. Students have had to leave because the school didn't have the resources to help their student. Scheduling is HARD, so she is there when the kids need her. They have a guidebook on how they are going to run the program. See the Fall Newsletter for a full recap of these presentations.