

**Centre Congregational Church
Annual Meeting - September 28, 2014**

Moderator Bruce Weaver confirmed that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 10:57 A.M. The Moderator noted the meeting agenda and reviewed the key points of Robert's Rules of Order that would be the guideline of the meeting.

The Minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting were accepted as presented.

Reports of Officers & Ministry Teams – Including the Outreach Ministries Report.

Kathi Martin, Chair of Education Ministries made a motion to accept the Reports of the Officers & Ministry Teams, which include the Outreach Ministries Report. The Moderator explained that the reports were the official document of the meeting. A second motion was made and passed to include the name of Anne Marie Pendola to the Nominating Committee Report as a candidate for Diaconate. Discussion ended on the original motion and it was approved.

Agreement – Verizon Wireless

Parish Council member Kathi Martin made the following motion: "I move that the congregation ratify the agreement accepted by Parish Council and Verizon Wireless which allows Verizon Wireless to construct a cellular transmitter at the property known as Centre Congregational Church, 5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA. In return for this consideration Verizon Wireless will pay a monthly space rental fee per the terms of the contract agreement." The motion was seconded and the Moderator began the discussion with explanation of how the agreement came to be. It was noted that Verizon would provide a shed to house a generator, construct a 10' x 16' room in Richards Hall and replace the spire on the steeple. The replaced spire would house their transmitter antenna. The discussion ended and the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and Approval of the 2014 – 2015 Budget

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2014 – 2015 operating budget as approved by Parish Council, recorded in the 2014 Annual Reports and presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting September 28, 2014. The Moderator called on the Treasurer, Jeff Law, to explain the budget. Due to several onetime events a deficit of \$66,000 will be the result of the 2014 – 2015 budget. In order to reduce the deficit, a supplemental pledge drive will occur during the fiscal year. During the discussion, church member George Hayden asked what was being planned to renew the paint surface of the building. The Moderator explained that the hope of Parish Council was to include this task as part of the supplemental pledge drive but reducing the deficit was the first priority of the pledge drive. Also, until funds are raised, we will hire a contractor to wash the front of the building. The discussion on the motion concluded and the motion was approved.

Election of Officers, Ministry Team Chairs and Other Positions

A motion was made to accept the names and terms as recorded in the Nominating Committee report. The Moderator began the discussion by asking if there were any additional names to be placed in nomination. Seeing none, the discussion ended and the motion was approved.

The Moderator read the names of deceased members and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those departed.

The Moderator asked if there was any new business or unfinished business to be discussed at this meeting. Seeing none, the topic was closed.

Rev. Dennis Bailey led a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Weaver, Moderator