

Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 29, 2023, 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Issue: To vote on WSUUC having a sign of support for Issue 1 on the Church's front lawn until the November 7th election.

Church membership is currently 460 members as confirmed by Diane Alcorn, Membership Coordinator. To approve the proposal, a 30% quorum or 138 votes is needed. Of those 138 votes a 2/3 majority is required to pass the proposal. Note that the Board of Trustees believes this action to be a statement of witness and is following the related Church Bylaw for quorum and approval.

We received the following votes:

- 103 online votes. 96 of those were yes and 7 no.
 - This exceeds the amount needed for a majority but did not exceed quorum.
- Kelly Pinkas and Matt LaWell collected paper ballots during the offering in the service as well as after the service.
- Cathy Bollin checked these ballots against the membership list to confirm they were submitted by active members.
 - We had 6 yes votes with no member listed in the membership list and 1 no vote without a name on the ballot.
- Kathy Little, Matt LaWell and Kelly Pinkas tallied the paper ballots.
- There was a total of 81 paper ballots; which, when combined with the online ballots totaled 184 votes, exceeding quorum.
 - The paper ballots totaled 69 yes votes, 9 no votes.
- Combined votes revealed 165 yes votes, 16 no votes and 3 abstained.

The proposal was passed.

The floor was open for discussion and one member asked about displaying a 11 foot by 17 foot "vote yes on issue 1" crocheted sign. Unfortunately, that size exceeds our zoning rules and the member was told it was not possible by Kelly Pinkas.

Submitted by Kelly Pinkas