Congregational Meeting – Sunday, October 18, 2020

Virtual Affirming Church Vote.

Zoom Meeting to pass the Motion that St. Paul’s United Church become a welcoming, Affirming Church.

There were 90 Church members and adherents present on Zoom or by telephone.

* Welcome and Opening Prayer Deborah Laforet
* Call for nomination of Chairperson Deborah Laforet

Darlene Cox : Move that Judy DeMone is Chair

Second: John Perry

* Call for nomination of Secretary Judy DeMone

Move to nominate Candace Allen : Kent Palmer

Second: Faith Witt

* Motion to approve agenda

Move: Bert Fonseca

Second: Choeun (Grace) Jeong

* Motion to extend voting privileges to adherents

Move: Ron Shermet

Second: Bev Phillips

* Introduce the motion.
* Motion to approve that St. Paul’s Become an Affirming Ministry Thea Sheridan-Jonah

***I move that St. Paul's United Church in Oakville become an affirming ministry and a member of affirm united.***

Second: Cathy Duddeck

* Questions: One person wanted to know with there would be an abstinence vote, as well as yes/no. It was said

yes, the third poll question would ask if anyone was abstaining from voting.

* Vote: Confidential Poll vote was issued.
* Report Results: Of 90 participants, 86 voted YES and 1 voted NO and 3 abstained.
* Close Meeting – Carolyn Smith and Jeff Laforet gave Thank You’s to the Affirming Team and the ministers for all the hard word they put into the project for the last two years. Also thanking all the members of St Paul’s congregation that came out, either on Zoom for by telephone, to participate in the important vote. Judy DeMone

* Benediction: Closing prayer written by Carolyn but read by Deborah.