1. 2022 Moderator, Kevin Geiger, opened the meeting at 11:32 a.m.
2. Welcome from the Board of Trustees: Richard Waddell, Chair, and Leon Dunkley. Richard welcomed everyone and Leon offered an image of his Youth Group days as part of his welcome.
3. Election of 2022 Moderator – Nominating Committee nominated Kevin Geiger and it was seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. Election of 2022 Clerk – Nominating Committee nominated Judy Williamson the vote in favor was unanimous.
5. Election of 2022 Treasurer – Nominating Committee nominated Ann Wynia and the vote in favor was unanimous.
6. Election of Board Member— Nominating Committee nominated Michael Zsoldos to complete two years of a three-year term and the vote in favor was unanimous.
7. Election of Nominating Committee members – The Board represented by Clara Gimenez, nominated Polly Forcier and Sherry Belisle. Polly is leaving the Committee and Joby Thompson agree to remain on the Committee for one more year. The vote in favor was unanimous.
8. Presentation of Annual Report – Mary Blanton moved to accept the report and Peggy Kannestine seconded the motion. The vote in favor to accept the Annual Report was unanimous.
9. Presentation and Action on 2021 Budget and Other Financial Issues
   a. Richard Waddell thanked David Parker for his service as a Board member and welcomed Michael Zsoldos who agreed to fill his spot; he also thanked Gina for her work for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He spoke about the 2021 Board Retreat that was held in the Fellowship Hall and also noted the success in getting increasing donations for the Endowment Fund. He thanked the Worship Committee and everyone who served as worship leaders and service coordinators throughout the year. Leon spoke about the Brave Light Project that raised $130,000 in grants and gifts which fully funds the project. He also added that there are many new members, some of whom he has not yet met, including one who came into the church once and has been watching the online services for months.
   b. 2021 Stewardship Drive report – Denise Lyons thanked the 82 individuals who made donations including nine new pledges. Thirteen people increased their pledges and we raised $135,000 toward the goal of $145,000 and she noted that people can still renew their pledges even though the drive was been completed.
c. Finance and Trustees of Funds Committee report – Jim Swift reported that the church as a new bookkeeper, Shannon Kennison. He is grateful to have Quick Books on a regular basis and added that the church has shown resilience in finding new financial resources. He noted that due to Chris Bartlett’s success with the Endowment Fund we were able to take 5% from the Fund to go toward operating expenses. He also added that because of Ann Wynia’s good work, we ended 2021 with more money than was anticipated. The biggest financial challenge will come in 2023 when the Brave Light Project will end.

d. Ann Wynia noted that the 2022 budget should have a $10,000 surplus primarily because some of Leon’s salary will be covered by funds in the Brave Light Project. NC will be paying our fair share to the UUA in 2022 ($1200). She said that the new SE director, Chloe Powell, will be paid $25/hour but her time will vary monthly determined by when services are in-person vs. on-line. Ann Dean asked how this works and Ann W said she would be paid for up to six hours per week if we are having in-person services; she will not be paid when services are on-line. Ann also reported that $35,000 has been moved to our account with the Vermont Community Foundation.

e. A motion to approve the 2022 budget was made and seconded and the vote to accept the budget was unanimous.

10. Facilities for the Future Update – Ginny Gelfan and Ralph Lancaster described the work completed in 2021 that included replanting the front yard and many “invisible” works in the church and parsonage. The church was made more energy efficient due to Anne Dean’s involvement. Ralph thanked Radek and Agata who are always ready to do extra work for the upkeep of the church and property.

11. Unsung Hero – presented by Richard Schramm and Richard Waddell on behalf of the Board. This year’s awardees were Anne Dean, Polly Forcier and Jim Swift.

12. In Memorial – Sherry Belisle noted two members who were valued and beloved members of the North Chapel who died in 2021: David Doolittle and Wendy Smith

13. Closing – Leon commented on the last time he saw Wendy which was on the day before she died. He shared a story about her and the playfulness in her voice and spirit.

14. Fran and Ralph Lancaster made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Anne Dean. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Williamson