Moderator’s Moment 6-17-21

After a disappointing turn-out (in the sanctuary and on Zoom) for the Budget and UCC meeting on June 6, 2021, we received a record number of participating ballots. The 119 ballots that were returned were very representative of our congregation’s composition. One ballot was not valid because it was not signed, therefore 118 ballots were relevant to the 3 items being voted on. Not everyone voted for each item the breakdown is: (see attached Tally spreadsheet)

Votes for all 3 items..................... 84
Votes for Items 1 & 2 Only .......... 27
Votes for Items 1 & 3 Only .......... 2
Votes for Items 2 & 3 Only .......... 1
Votes for Item 1 Only ............. 0
Votes for Item 2 Only ............. 2
Votes for Item 3 Only .......... 2
Total ........................................ 118

Procedure:
1. All ballots were numbered as opened by Moderator Charles McSorley 6/14/21
2. and Validated against the membership roll by Clerk Susan Donaldson 6/14/21
3. Each Ballot’s voting directives were logged into Excel spreadsheet 6/14/21 & 6/17/21
4. After recounting all ballots, the Spreadsheet was tallied 6/14/21 & 6/17/21
5. Ballots were again recounted By Rick Allen and Debbie Ringen (both members of Leadership Board) 6/16/21
6. 5 additional ballots were received on 6/16/21 and the results were incorporated 6/17/21

Results:
Item 1, Approval of 2021-2022 Financial Budget       Yes = 109    No = 3
Item 2, Approval of joining in covenant with UCC      Yes = 82    No = 32
Item 3, Authorizing an additional $10,000, (if necessary)

   from Seward for a “part time organizer to
   coordinate Sunday School, etc)”        Yes = 76    No = 12

All 3 Items pass.

Our next goal is to channel the energy of the 119 respondents to energize and engage the additional 130 members who did not vote. Now that we are transitioning into the “Post Pandemic Phase” of our lives, we need to envision how our church will evolve into the “church for everyone”; In-person, on-line, hybrid, young, old, energetic and tired, Sunday morning, midweek, every day, any day. Please join us in figuring out what we want the church to look like going forward. You will be hearing more from us about how to submit your in-put and how you can help push us forward.

Charlie McSorley, Moderator