

Connections

Membership Meeting – First Presbyterian Church

December 14, 2021

Attendees: 46

The members were greeted with holiday head bands and glasses to lend a festive, fun feel to the meeting.

Donna updated the members about the cooking group's activities. They will have another Italian cooking virtual class and, in the spring, begin to meet at member's homes. Donna would like to start a baking group too. Another group suggested by members would be one for singles of any type. Contact Donna if you are interested in joining the newly formed group. She is looking for facilitators. At the last meeting, Sheila Weber suggested a trivia group, Donna will contact her. The book groups are so successful that the Board would like to start a fourth group. Contact Donna if interested in leading the group. There will be a lunch at Justin's on January 5 and a formal tea in Westwood on January 28, those announcements have gone out.

The Board is experimenting with offering Zoom access to the in-person meetings. Today was the first experiment.

Connections has \$16,287 in the treasury and 167 members as of the end of November.

Margie introduced new members: Kathy Grubb, Sharon Pomante, Marilyn Guerin, Patricia Schmitt, Dolores LaRonca, and Geraldine Altamuro.

The "passing of the gavel" ceremony took place. Janet Daly is the new president; Margie Battaglia, 1st vice president; Brenda Brunelle, 2nd Vice president and Deb Reale new Membership Secretary. Linda Bakian will stay on the Board as Recording Secretary and Lee Atieh remains treasurer. Donna was thanked by the Board members and the membership for her commitment to the organization and her leadership over the last three plus years.

The members were entertained by the Harmony Celebration Quartet. They sang holiday selections and engaged the members in singing as well.

Next meeting: January 18, 10 a.m.