



Foothills Board of Trustees
Approved Regular Meeting Minutes
Concluded Jan 17, 2022

Board Members Present: Sue Sullivan, Richie Nelsen, Walter Nash, Linda Kothera, Andrea Delorey, Doug Powell. Rev. Gretchen Haley, ex-officio.

In an on-line, asynchronous discussion and action, the board voted unanimously to authorize a temporary fiscal sponsorship agreement with Colorado 50/50, an organization co-founded in 2017 by Foothills member Erin Hottenstein, which seeks to raise awareness of women candidates for elected office at all levels, to support gender parity and promote full engagement in democratic processes. Colorado 50/50 is a non-partisan organization that believes the promise of representative democracy will not be fulfilled until elected office-holders truly reflect the people they represent.

The organization recently received a \$10,000 grant but requires a fiscal sponsor with IRS non-profit status to hold the grant funding.

Rev. Haley reported that the work of Colorado 50/50 is aligned with both our mission statement and our fifth vision statement: “We recognize and dismantle prejudice and oppression in all their forms, including within ourselves, allowing us to be more effective and trusted partners to marginalized communities in Northern Colorado and beyond.”

She indicated that the church’s standard fiscal sponsorship agreement (used with other community partners such as the BIPOC Alliance), with an added 18-month time limit, would meet the needs of Colorado 50/50 to receive and make use of the funds, while having little to no impact on church resources (staff time or direct expenses.)

Minutes written and presented by

Sue Sullivan
Board President