

## **UUCC Annual Congregational Meeting, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2014**

### **Opening:**

This meeting was called to order by Board President Elizabeth Thorson at 12:08 pm.

First order of business was to establish that we have a quorum. parliamentary procedure advisor, Gene Heater, stated that UUCC has a membership of 120. Therefore the number needed to a Quorum (1/3 of eligible voters) for voting is 30. Gene directed a count-off wherein it was established that we had more members present than required for a Quorum.

Reverend Audette Fulbright gave the Invocation.

### **Approval of Agenda.**

The Agenda was amended to the effect that the By-Laws had not been posted two weeks prior to the meeting, and therefore could not be voted on. The amendment is that the By-Laws will be posted for Congregational Review on or by 2 weeks prior to the Committee on Shared Ministry congregational meeting, and will be voted on at that time.

Motion to approve was made by Bitsy Heckert, and seconded by Bob Means. The Agenda was unanimously approved assuming the proposed amendment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held May 19, 2013 were unanimously approved with a motion made by Kathy Jenkins, and seconded by Dani Roessler.

## **Finance Committee Report and Budget**

These documents, which should have been dated April 30<sup>th</sup>, were presented by Finance Committee Chair Steve Furtney, with committee member and UUCU Treasurer Jennifer Goodman available for questions both during and after the Annual Meeting. Steve also stated that the Finance Committee meetings were open to the congregation, and are held on the third Thursday of the month.

Steve explained the Budget development process, which involved an additional meeting to get complete Pledge Drive data. Steve explained that due to a shortfall in the anticipated amount of the pledge drive, (48 of 110 Pledging Units not heard from). This year's pledges fell short of last years.

As a result, the Finance Committee made recommendations for reductions in the budget, which even if adopted will still require the church to use reserve funds to balance this year's budget. A motion to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2014 was made by Elizabeth Thorson.

Discussion of various budget reduction options followed, with a proposal that we reduce the custodial budget by 50% and let church members volunteer for the rest of the custodial work This proposal was made by Terry Kreuzer, and seconded by Thomas Redding. The motion was put to a vote and did not pass.

A proposal was made by Barbara Guilford to restore the funds (\$900) suggested to be cut to the Social Justice budget line. The Motion was put to a vote and does not pass.

A motion is made by Jennifer Goodman to approve the budget and related recommendations from the Finance Committee. This motion is seconded by Lea Grubbs. Motion is voted on and passed.

## **Elections**

A motion is made by Jennifer Goodman to elect Mark Vinich to continue, and Hailey Ellingham to begin, to serve as Board Members at Large. There were no additional nominations from the floor. This motion is seconded by Bitsy Heckert and passed unanimously.

There is a motion to elect the Officers of the Board as presented:  
President: Chuck Skinner

Vice President: Birgitt Paul, Treasurer: TBD, Jennifer Goodman continues as short term interim.

Secretary: Natalie Vernon.

There were no additional nominations from the floor. So moved by Birgitt Paul. Seconded by Mac Marino. The Motion passes unanimously.

Ken Vernon moves that Stan Clapp, Karla Holbern, and Mac Marino be elected to two year terms on the Committee on Shared Ministry. Bitsy Heckert seconds, the motion is put to a vote and is unanimously approved.

Phil Stump is nominated to the Investment Committee, there are no nominations from the floor. The motion is presented by Thomas Redding, and seconded by Joey VanSchaik. This motion passes unanimously.

The Nominating Committee (Chuck Skinner, Camille El-Entably, Emily Smith, and Rhonda Woodard) will continue to look for a candidate for Board Treasurer.

Discussion ensues re: importance of developing a candidate as soon as possible for Board Treasurer.

A motion is made by Kathy Jenkins for approval for the nominating committee to continue to identify a candidate for Board Treasurer. A paper ballot vote will occur when a candidate comes forth. Bertha Bilkus\*\*\* seconds this motion, which is passed unanimously.

Joey VanShaik moves to authorize Jennifer Goodman to continue on the role of Board Treasurer in an interim capacity, not to exceed 3 months. This motion is seconded by Bob Means and passes unanimously.

### **Other Business**

A big round of Happy Birthday is sung for Reverend Audette.

Sara Burlingame gives the DRE report highlighting the Church's GSA Coffee House, and effort to build on a donation to create a playground on the front lawn of the church.

A motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Gene Heater, and seconded by Bitsy Heckert.

Respectfully submitted by email as a draft requiring Board input as necessary, approval for final draft, and Congregation name spelling corrections. I am willing to do some formatting upgrades to make these minutes more user-friendly. May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Natalie Vernon, Secretary of the Board