

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CHEYENNE

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday May 20th, 2018

Board President Camellia El-Antably called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary, after the Church Service and Social Hour.

Reverend Hannah Villnave conducted a Chalice Lighting and an Annual Meeting Blessing.

QUORUM COUNT: Since this Business Meeting has numerous items the Congregation needed to vote on, the first order of business was to count voting members present to assure a Quorum. A quorum for the purposes of this meeting was a minimum of 33 members in attendance.

All members were signed in at the doors of the Sanctuary with Board Members Natalie Vernon and Lynne Weidel. Each person in attendance had to be on the Master Membership List to be issued a red voting card. The count of voting members present was 58, well past the Quorum required, per Parliamentarian, Garth Shanklin.

VOTE: MEETING AGENDA: Camellia El-Antably issued a welcome to all and presented an overview of the Agenda. Patti Ridley made a Motion to approve the Agenda as presented. This Motion was seconded by Lynne Weidel and passed unanimously.

VOTE: 2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES AND JULY 9th SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Beth Howard moved to accept the Minutes from last year's Annual Business Meeting, May 21, 2017. The Motion also covered the minutes from the Special Meeting July 9th to vote on becoming a Sanctuary Church. This was seconded by Gordon Johns. No discussion ensued, and the Motion passed unanimously.

REFLECTIONS FROM REVEREND HANNAH: As there was a shortage of hard copies of the Meeting Packets, Reverend Hannah suggested that if people could follow along electronically, that would help streamline the process. Others could share the hard copies.

Rev. Hannah reflected over her first year in Ministry with UUCC, and she is most impressed with how our congregation "shows up" in many ways; help around the building, fundraising, donations and pledges. How our congregation "shows up and shows out" in terms of resources, time, and money. One learning edge for us is to have better discernment in how to better ask one another to show up in this way. We can improve on communicating what showing up to work means. Rev. Hannah is looking forward to improving communications, and jointly making decisions for our presence within the Church walls and out in the

community. She thanked the staff and the Congregation for their work and contributions and encouraged us to come to her with issues big and small. She reinforced that she is there to support us. She asked that we please reach out especially in emergencies.

THANKS TO CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS: Camellia presented the current Board of Directors, and the Leadership Development team, and gave thanks for their service on behalf of the Congregation. Rhonda Woodard of LDT presented the slate of candidates for Church Year 2018-2019.

VOTE: 2018-2019 ELECTED OFFICERS SLATE:

BOARD CANDIDATES:

The slate was as follows:

- President: Hailey Ellingham
- Vice President: Caroljean Bongo
- Treasurer: Garth Shanklin
- Secretary: Natalie Vernon
- At Large: Gene Heater (2-year term), Mike Kercher (2-year term) Phil Stump (1-year term finishing for Garth Shanklin).
- Past President: Camellia El-Antably

Patti Ridley moved to accept the Slate as presented. Jim Gaulke seconded this motion. After discussion, the vote was taken, and all were in favor. The Motion passes unanimously.

VOTE: COMMITTEE ON SHARED MINISTRY: 2-6 YEAR TERM/NEW MEMBERS

- Carol Bowles (2-year term).
- Kesslee Velasco (2-year term).
- Bertha Bikulcs (Finishing Elaine Hayes' 2-year term)

Beth Howard moved to accept the Slate for new members of COSM as presented. This was seconded by Camellia El-Antably and voted on unanimously to accept the Slate as presented.

VOTE: INVESTMENT TEAM:

The Investment Team slate is as follows:

- Emily Smith (2-year term)
- Steve Furtney (2-year term)
- Randy Bruns (finishing 1 year for Bitsey Heckert)

Patti Russell moved that we accept the Investment Team slate as presented. This was seconded by Sleeter Dover, and following a request for discussion, was carried unanimously.

LIVING GENEROUSLY UPDATE: Member Tim Thorson gave the update for the Living Generously team. He thanked fellow team members Abby Kercher, Arlene Shanklin, and Elizabeth Thorson. Tim reported a successful pledge drive where member pledges were up from last year and even succeeded targets for this year, at least so far. He attributed this success to the hard work of the team, the generosity of the Congregation, and the awareness that we cannot continue to rely on Major Gifts. The Congregation donated to the Roof Replacement Project and gave increased pledges. New members joined, and pledges, and the education on what church services cost and obligations of members all contributed to a higher than anticipated pledge drive.

BOARD TREASURER PAUL HOWARD PRESENTED THE 2018-2019 UCC BUDGET:

Paul thanked the Finance Committee (Steve Furtney, Mike Shonsey, Marci Linde and Joey Van Schaik), and Mike Shonsey, Steve Furtney, Emily Smith and Phil Stump on Investment. He also thanked the Board for leadership in making financial decisions. Paul explained and answered questions the Budget provided in the Annual Meeting Packet available to all members.

- The dynamic of Church Finances is changing for the better. Church had been running at a deficit and has been using money from Reserves and Major gifts to operate. This year's budget reflects greater independence from these reserves.
- Current budget reflects raises to staff to bring them in line with UUA Guidelines.
- Great success of Service Auction, and other major fundraising efforts.
- Efforts are underway to establish and fund an Advertising Committee

John Sandford moves to accept the 2018-2019 Budget as presented by Paul Howard. Tim Thorson seconds this Motion, and the Budget is unanimously accepted.

ROOF REPLACEMENT TEAM (*The Hole in the Roof Gang*): This team consisted of Gene Heater, Sharon Kelsey, Randy Bruns.

Gene Heater went over the process used to obtain the winning bid which went to Precision Roofing, which came in much lower than the original bid with no difference in the elements of the bid. It matched the first higher bid in terms of construction methods, materials and warranties but at a much more favorable cost. The Congregation rose to meet this need by

pledging more than required for the full roof replacement. Gene Heater moved that we accept the second bid from Precision Roofing, and the extra \$5500.00 be placed in the Building Fund for future use. Sleeter Dover seconded this motion, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

WYOSAYNO CAMPAIGN: Rev Hannah presented an opportunity for UUCC with WYOSAYNO, which is a joint effort with Juntos, ACLU of Wyoming, and the Immigration Justice Coalition to oppose building a for-profit Immigration Detention Center in Evanston. Business and faith communities are signing in support of defeating this. Rev. Hannah mentioned that she as an individual is interested in signing, as is the UUCC Board as an entity. She suggested we divide up into small groups and discuss this amongst ourselves, with deep listening and open hearts.

After small group and plenary discussion, Sleeter Dover made a Motion that the Congregation authorizes Reverend Hannah to sign the document as our representative, meaning that (this body), UUCC, endorses the statement. The question was called by Ken Vernon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was called to conclusion at 1:37, by Camellia El-Antably.

Respectfully submitted on June 7 for review by Natalie Vernon, Board Secretary.