

Minutes of the UUCGT Annual Meeting Following the Service on Sunday, June 5, 2016

President Karl Love convened the meeting at 11:35 am, and invited the Congregation to join him in reading the Covenant.

1. Quorum

Karl asked for verification that a quorum is present as required by Article V. Section A of the Bylaws. Kay Sturgeon reported that the quorum requirement is satisfied with 89 members present.

2. Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting are available on the UUCGT website.

Karl asked for three volunteers from the members present to review and approve the minutes of this 2016 Annual Meeting. The review committee will consist of Tom Darnton, Mary VanValin and Joe Cook.

3. Treasurer's Report

Phyllis Jessup, Board Treasurer and member of the Finance Committee, discussed the proposed budget. She explained that the final numbers depend upon any pledges that may be received before June 30. The proposed budget is the Finance Committee's and the Board's best effort to maintain UUCGT programs and services with reduced financial resources. The information that was provided at the meeting can be found on the UUCGT website.

4. Endowment Committee Report

Joe Cook summarized the Report, saying the full report is on the UUCGT website. He pointed out that the Endowment Fund is a good way to memorialize members and loved ones.

5. Spiritual Leader's Report

Joan Sheard substituted for Rabbi Chava who was officiating at a marriage ceremony, a commitment she had made months ago, before the date of the Annual Meeting had been determined. Joan highlighted various points from the report which is on the UUCGT website.

6. Director of Lifespan Experience Report

Sarah Montgomery-Richards spoke from remarks she had prepared for the Annual Meeting. Her main point is that there has been a paucity of volunteers for the program which needs members' gifts of time, talent, and funding. The report is on the UUCGT website.

7. President's Report

Karl read the document he had prepared for the Annual Meeting, pointing out that he and the Board have focused on fiduciary governance, reconciliation and succession planning for the next Board of Trustees. His intent has been to be transparent and accountable.

8. Introduction of Candidates

Karl thanked the members of the previous Board and members of the current Board. He invited candidates for the 2016-2017 Board, for the Endowment Fund and for the Leadership Development Committee to come forward.

9. Bylaws

Karl explained that the proposed Bylaws amendments were to update employee titles to current usage, a housekeeping measure. The proposed revisions to Article VIII, Leadership Development Committee, are intended to allow more time for vetting candidates and for Board consideration of them.

10. Budget Review

Phyllis Jessup, Treasurer, discussed the proposed budget in greater detail. Although members were given an opportunity to learn about the budget and to ask questions in a meeting following the service on May 22, members were invited to ask questions and to express concerns again. Karl explained that the budget is intended to preserve that which makes us what we are.

John Ort stepped forward to say he wants to increase funds in the 2016-2017 budget in order to increase the compensation and benefits for employees above the amount proposed in the budget. He said he and Penny will increase their pledge for 2016-2017 and invited the membership to do the same. He distributed envelopes and "Please DO Something!" forms to the members.

11. Vote

Before members voted on the budget, Bylaws and candidates, Mary VanValin thanked Karl for his extraordinary leadership and commitment to the Congregation for the past six months. Members supported Mary's remarks by giving Karl a standing ovation.

Members then voted, and the results are:

- 17 absentee ballots were received
- Budget: 99 for, 3 opposed, 4 abstentions
- All candidates were elected and both Bylaws amendments approved

The meeting as a whole exhibited unity and support for the work that the Board and the many committees have done.

President Karl Love adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Submitted by Mary M. Grover, Secretary