

Minutes of the UUCGT Annual Meeting Following the Service on Sunday, June 4, 2017

President Linda Fletcher convened the meeting at 11:52 am, and invited the Congregation to join her in reading the Covenant. Rabbi Chava Bahle lit the chalice and rang the bell following our tradition to gather our attention and intention.

1. Quorum

Linda 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 83 members present (additionally 18 members voting absentee).

2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting are available on the UUCGT website.

Linda asked for three volunteers from the members present to review and approve the minutes of this 2017 Annual Meeting. The review committee will consist of Pat Pokay, Mary VanValin and Joe Cook.

3. Treasurer's Report

Kay Sturgeon, Board Treasurer and member of the Finance Committee, discussed the proposed budget. She explained that in 2016 our challenging budget was righted by the efforts of the John Ort challenge, which allowed the Board to restore salaries within two weeks. Also \$10,000 was carried forward from the prior year. The information that was provided at the meeting can be found on the UUCGT website.

4. Endowment Committee Report

Maura Brennan summarized the Report, saying the full report is on the UUCGT website. The endowment fund reinvests 10% realized profits and distributes 90%. Assets are held 60% in bonds and 40% in equities. Maura pointed out that the Endowment Fund is a good way to memorialize members and loved ones.

5. President's Report

Linda Fletcher presented her annual report. Linda pointed out that challenging work that this board has faced. Our board is required to have 9 meeting within the year and this board conducted 13 meetings. Our board structure was examined and it's structure refined in the course of the year. Linda reported that the board was faced with ethical, moral and legal issues.

Linda introduced the current board once more to the congregation.

Linda summarized the year with reference to: greater volunteerism, broadening social justice, Creation of the Healthy Reconciliation Task Force, creating board liaisons for many committees and the challenges of non-covenantal behavior within our community. The full report is available on the UUCGT website.

6. Lifespan Experience Report

Sarah Montgomery-Richards spoke from remarks she had prepared for the Annual Meeting. Sarah described the journey we take together. A journey that is educational, social and spiritual. Sarah listed programs and LSE offerings. The report is on the UUCGT website

7. Rabbi's Report

Rabbi Chava and the Rev. Nancy Doughy each spoke about the process they engaged in, using a UU Ministers Association representative to facilitate a face-to-face meeting to talk through tensions and misunderstandings that had arisen. The result of the dialogue was the creation of a covenant, which was shared with the congregation.

Rabbi Chava highlighted various points from her report which is on the UUCGT website. In her summary, Rabbi Chava spoke of community changes: growing a dialogic culture, growing member-to-member relationships and stewardship in the broadest sense.

8. Proposed Budget

Mike McDonald presented the proposed budget. He described the wave of support we received from our members of friends that allowed us to present a budget that is approximately the same as last year.

9. Introduction of Candidates

Ann Swaney thanked the members of the previous Board and members of the current Board. She invited candidates for the 2017-2018 Board, for the Endowment Fund and for the Leadership Development Committee to come forward.

10. Vote

Members then voted, and the results are:

- 18 absentee ballots were received
- Budget: 99 for, 3 opposed, 4 abstentions
- All candidates were elected

President Linda Fletcher thanked everyone for their attendance and support then adjourned the meeting at 12:58 pm.

Submitted by Karl D. Love, Secretary