

## **UUCGT 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Sunday, June 2, 2019 – 11:20 am**

1. The 2019 UUCGT Annual Meeting was convened at 11:20 am, Sunday, June 2, 2019, in the sanctuary by President Mike McDonald. A quorum of the congregation was present.
2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting had been approved by a committee appointed for that purpose. The President called for volunteers for a committee to review the minutes of this meeting. Dottie Cain, Karen Casebeer and Jim Walworth were appointed to that committee.
3. The President read a report from our contract minister, Rev. Beth Marshall. No action was required.
4. Karl Keinath, UUCGT Treasurer, delivered the Treasurer's Report. It was a challenging year. The original Treasurer, Jane Fochtman, resigned and Karl was elected by the Board of Trustees to complete the term. We have had turnover in professional bookkeeping and had to change management software when the developer of our current software announced it would no longer be supported. Our balance sheet looks healthy. We anticipate an annual budget of approximately \$263,000 for the upcoming fiscal year.
5. Price Watts reported that the Endowment Committee has continued to meet. The balance in the endowment account was \$87,979 as of 12/31/18 and is invested 60% in bonds and 40% in a socially responsible equity fund. Disbursements were made in accordance with Endowment Committee policy and procedure.
6. Mike McDonald delivered the president's report. It has been a year of significant challenges which we seem to have weathered successfully. Our senior spiritual leader left the pulpit due to illness in mid-June of 2018 and was unable to return. Following a thoughtful discernment process, the congregation entered into a negotiated separation with Rabbi Chava which was completed in February. The Board selected a contract minister to fill out the program year and then, later, recruited an interim minister who will begin a two year interim ministry in August. We also revitalized our religious education program, rented our small classroom to a meditation organization, held a public Christmas Eve service at the State Theater followed by a smaller private service at the church. The pledge campaign resulted in an increased level of pledging which was worked into the 2018-19 budget; our membership has stabilized.
7. President McDonald then opened discussion of the 2018-19 budget proposed by the Board of Trustees. He opened with an acknowledgment of the time and effort put in by Kay Sturgeon, Assistant Treasurer. He then summarized the budget and called attention to the fact that we had been able to increase our fair share giving to the UUA over last year's amount, although we are still not at the level urged by the UUA. There were no questions about the budget.

8. President McDonald then introduced Jane Watts, speaking for Mary VanValin, who informed the congregation of the work completed by a committee appointed after our congregational meeting in October to investigate revising our congregational covenant. A vote on the suggested new language was included on the ballot distributed to members in attendance and to absentees.
9. Tom Darnton, Policy Committee Chair, then presented a proposed by-law change removing reference to President-Elect from the by-laws and replacing it with reference to Vice President. There were no questions.
10. Joe Cook, Leadership Development Committee Chair, then presented a proposed by-law change increasing the number of days ahead of the annual meeting by which nominations must be submitted. He explained that this was to allow the Safe Congregation Response Team sufficient time to perform its function within the election system. He introduced those candidates who were present.
11. President McDonald then explained the voting procedure, which consisted of placing marks on a paper ballot and delivering the ballot to members of the Annual Meeting Committee for counting.
12. Following the voting instructions, President McDonald read the list of members and friends who had passed away since last year's annual meeting.
13. Ballots were collected and the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.
14. Following compilation it was announced that all candidates for the Board (Karl Keinath, Pat Light, Judy Myers and Mary Ann Rivers), Leadership Development Committee (Mary Grover, Judith Halsted, Sandra McDonald and Joy Platteborze) and Endowment Committee (Don Pyne and Ellie Smith) were overwhelmingly approved. Both Bylaw changes, the new Covenant and the 2019-2020 Budget were also approved by wide margins. There were 79 ballots cast in total.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Darnton, Acting Secretary

Monday, June 3, 2019

Approved by the team named in paragraph 2 above by email on 6/13/19.