

APPROVED

**First Unitarian Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2009**

Amended and Approved at Annual Meeting, May 16, 2010

- I.** Meeting is called to order at 12:20 p.m. by president, Kay Azar. It is determined that there is a quorum (see list of members present attached).
- II.** Invocation is provided by Rev. Barrington to begin the meeting.
- III.** Minutes of the June 1, 2008, January 11, 2009 and May 3, 2009 are presented. A motion to approve is made by Bob Shuman and seconded by Marilyn Shaul. The motion is passed unanimously.
- IV.** The Minister's Report is presented by Rev. Jennie Barrington. Written report is presented in the Annual Report.
- V.** The President's Report is presented by Kay Azar, President of the Board of Trustees. Thanks to all the board members and to Rev. Barrington for all their work this past year. A written report is presented in the Annual Report.
- VI.** The Treasurer's Report is presented by Gary Metzler, Treasurer. The status of the current budget is reviewed and it is determined that year to date we currently have \$1992 net balance, with one month to go in the budget. The correct amount of the Endowment Fund should be \$117,026.

The 2009-2010 budget is presented. Line item 990 which was for the Search Committee for this year will become the Ministerial Start-up line item. Line item 980 has been increased significantly to provide more funds for music. A motion is made by Peggy Stevens to accept the budget and seconded by Zae Munn. A motion to amend the motion was made by Don Wheeler to increase line item 809 – DRE to \$2400 and reduce 980 by \$500 to \$1400. This was seconded by Pat Tollens. The motion to amend is defeated.

A new motion to amend is made by Maureen Wijnen to take \$500 from line item 976 – Marketing, and add to 809 – DRE, and seconded by Don Wheeler. It was pointed out that Marilyn Shaul pledged a \$500.00 donation in memory of John Shaul to go to the DRE. In light of this information, the amendment was withdrawn.

The question is called on original motion to accept the budget as proposed by the Board. The motion passed with one abstention.

Ellen Triebold, Trustee, noted the current budget is slated to be a deficit budget up to a maximum of \$8200, though it looks more like it will be \$4000 at this time. The Board has recommended that the congregation borrow up to \$8,000 from the Tudor account without interest and agree to pay 10% of the total back each year. Ellen makes a motion which is seconded by Darlene Catello. The motion passes with 6 opposed.

VII. The slate of officers is presented. A motion to accept the slate is made by Chuck Leone and

seconded by Dave Wistreich. The ballot passed unanimously. Elected for the board for the upcoming year were Don Wheeler, Vice President; Allyson Kricheff, Secretary; and Elizabeth Scarborough and Elena Wake, Trustees.

The slate for the Nominating Committee was introduced:

Dale Gibson	Mary Hagen
Kay Azar	Jim Curlee – alternate

Don Wheeler moved to accept the nominations, seconded by Dave Wistreich. The motion carries.

VIII. The Strategic Plan was presented by Anne Mannix. She called attention to figures noted in the Annual Report on attendance (page 7), uneven financial growth (page 8) and positive aspects noted in the survey (page 12). The committees will be asked to review the Plan and add input. A final document will be completed and brought to the congregation for a vote in October. She further discussed survey results.

IX. A report by the Building Feasibility Committee was presented by Chuck Leone. There is again a consensus to grow and concurrently that our current facilities are not adequate, as there was the last time the congregation was surveyed 5 years ago.

Information was presented on sharing the current First Christian Church now owned by Good Shepherd Montessori School. The negotiations are now able to begin and information is being brought to the congregation. Previous discussions were not able to be discussed due to the nature of the negotiations between First Christian and Good Shepherd. The idea of a condominium arrangement was presented. Positives noted were 1) efficient use of space with some overlap of space usage, 2) overlap of interest between Good Shepherd and First Unitarian, 3) attractive, useful space, 4) possibility of a grant to develop building as LEED certified. Some downsides include 1) we would not have complete control over the whole building, 2) both parties need to be open to a necessary on-going relationship with a management group to be determined. This is still in the exploration stage.

Cost would be based on the percentage of square footage with First Unitarian having approximately 40% of the building. Final cost of the whole building will probably be in the \$1M range. See attached report in Annual Report.

X. The Board of Trustees and Search Committee were recognized for all the work they did over the past year(s).

XI. Volunteer of the Year – posthumously awarded to Kathy Curtis.

XII. A motion to adjourn was made by Alice Bentley. Motion carries unanimously.

Minutes were recorded by Melanie Smith-Guillaume and Alice Bentley. They were transcribed by Kay Azar.