

APPROVED

First Unitarian Church Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes May 16, 2010

I. Meeting is called to order at 12:15 p.m. by our president Richard Wallace. It is determined that there is a quorum (see list of members present attached).

II. Invocation is provided by Rev. Beu to begin the meeting.

III. Minutes from May 17, 2009 were presented. Bette Asplund moves to pass the 2009 annual meeting minutes. Kay Azar seconded the motion. Elizabeth Scarborough proposes changes to three parts. The first change being in item VI paragraph 3. She would like it to read "A new motion to AMEND is made by...". Also at the end of the paragraph it should read "Marilyn Shaul pledged a \$500.00 donation in memory of John Shaul to go to the DRE, and the amendment was withdrawn." In item VI paragraph 4, Elizabeth proposes that it should read, "The question is called on original motion to accept the budget AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD." Item VII she would like to add to the first paragraph, "Elected for the board for the upcoming year were Don Wheeler, Vice President; Allyson Kricheff, Secretary; and Elizabeth Scarborough and Elena Wake, Trustees." Elizabeth Scarborough moves to accept the May 17, 2009 minutes as amended. Mark Kricheff seconded the motion. The vote to accept the minutes as amended went unopposed.

IV. The minister's report is presented by Rev. Harold Beu. Written report is presented in the annual report.

V. The President's Report is presented by Richard Wallace, President of the Board of Trustees. Thanks to all the board members and Rev. Beu for all their hard 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 are currently \$6300.00 in the black, with one month to go in the budget.

VII. The 2010-2011 budget is presented. Michelle Richards discussed the fact that Mary Beth Dickey has been doing the DRE job for very little money for a long time. She believes line 809 should read DRE salary instead of honorarium. There was some question as to what ¼ time meant. Michelle explains that this equates to 10-12 hrs. of work per week. She believes the RE committee is going to have to be substantially larger to make up the slack from a ¼ DRE position. Michele is also concerned that no money was set aside for professional expenses such as conferences. She believes this is vital for learning and networking as well as sharing ideas with other RE professionals. Gary Metzler pointed out that on the back page of the budget there is money which has been set aside for lay leader training. Bob Shuman asks if the board received a proposal to expand the DRE responsibilities to include child and adult RE? Gary responded that the board passed the proposal to expand our program to lifetime education. Michele asks if we have looked into a chalice lighters grant. Gary said that the church has done this before but it was not considered this year. Elizabeth moves to accept the budget as presented. Bob Shuman seconds the vote. Two opposition votes. The budget is passed as presented.

VIII. The slate of officers is presented. Bob Asplund moves to accept the report by the nominating committee and asks the secretary to unanimously approve the slate of nominees. Roger Birdsell seconds the motion. The vote passes unopposed. Elected for the board for the upcoming year are: Dave Wistreich, Vice President; Alice Bentley, Treasurer; David Mayfield, Trustee; Lynn McDonald, Trustee; Allyson Kricheff, Secretary; Dale Gibson, Endowment Committee (3-year term).

IX. The slate for the Nominating Committee was introduced:

Mary Alice Hardy	Dale Gibson
Richard Wallace	Roger Birdsell

Don Wheeler moves to accept the slate of candidates. Kay Azar seconds the motion. The vote goes unopposed.

X. The endowment committee report was presented by Chuck Leone. Chuck explains that we must have \$150,000 in the account in order to entertain proposals for giving. At the end of 2009, we had around \$160,000 in the account. The committee solicited proposals and received three. Total expenditures of \$700.00. The endowment committee recommends that the projects be funded. Chuck Leone moves to accept the report and allow expenditures recommended by the committee. Bette Asplund seconded the motion. The vote goes unopposed.

XI. The Building Feasibility Committee Report was presented by Chuck Leone. He explains that this committee has been meeting VERY frequently over the course of the last two years to deal with issues about making a congregational move. Certain attractive opportunities have come up recently and the committee would like to have a formal congregational meeting with a vote on selling our current building and entering into a lease with Good Shepherd Montessori School. The meeting will be held on June 6th. A petition has been signed and recorded. The committee put together a series of frequently asked questions for the congregation. The BFC has a general sense that the school feels comfortable with us and that they understand and respect our values as a denomination. The committee is going to set up a mechanism to deal with future questions and will have a detailed financial analysis for the June 6th meeting.

XII. The Board of Trustees were recognized for all the work they have done over the past year(s).

XIII. The volunteer of the year award was proudly presented to Barbara Carmichael. A lifetime volunteer award was presented to Kathy Platt for her dedication to our church for over 20 years.

XVI. A motion to adjourn was made by Elizabeth Scarborough. Bob Shuman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes were recorded and transcribed by Allyson Kricheff.