

## ***Annual Meeting Minutes***

**Date:** June 2, 2019

**Name of Person Submitting the Report:** Beth La Fleur

**Report Contents:** Minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting

Lisa Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM with a unison reading of the opening words and chalice lighting.

Members in attendance: 27. (See attendance list at end of minutes)

-41 voting members in the congregation currently so a quorum (1/3 of congregation) is met for voting.

Minutes approved, with corrections, from June 2018 Annual Meeting

### **Updates on the 2018 Endowment requests:**

- Windows approved – will be installed on June 8
- Music director – not approved, but Chalice Lighter Grant funds will cover the position for the first year.
- Stoles not approved – still on back burner

### **Budget Discussion/Vote**

Lisa presented the Budget options proposed by the board for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. With current received pledges, we will be operating under a shortfall again. We need to address how big of a shortfall we are willing to accept...(for more details see BUUF Budget 2019-2020 options document)

1. Status quo, no major changes from previous year – leads to a proposed shortfall of ~\$13,000.
2. No discretionary funds, Lowering of UUA contribution, but otherwise status quo – leads to a proposed shortfall of ~\$6,000
3. No discretionary funds, 2 month staff layoff (July 2019, June 2020 for Minister, Office Admin, Director of Religious Education, and Piano Player) – leads to a proposed shortfall of ~\$700.

Discussion: Julie W. spoke on the benefits of membership that need to be promoted as well as on the need for fundraising. Board members brought up that we will be starting a stewardship team and it will need people. Ellen H. asked what is given up when we do not fully fund the UUA request. We will lose our “Honor Membership” but still receive support and the UUWorld magazines for all members.

Final budget vote is a Board vote. However discussion led to the need for congregational poll so the board can have a feel for where people stand on the 3 options. Dave S. motioned for a congregational “straw poll”

Option 1: received 9 votes  
Option 2: received 7 votes  
Option 3: received 8 votes  
1 abstained

Lisa F. motions for 20 minutes to be added to the meeting, motion passed.

### **Proposed Change in the By-Laws regarding Board elections/positions**

(for full content of by-law proposals, see the By-law Change Proposal document)

There was some discussion over pros and cons of the changes. Joanne K. recommended allowing president to serve more than one term, given that we often struggle to find someone to hold the position in the first place. Also discussed, what will be the role of the vice president? Do we need term limits when again, we often struggle to fill positions in the first place?

It was decided to break the proposed change into 4 parts and vote individually on the parts...

1. Officers elected directly by the congregations – Majority votes YES
2. V.P. motion – defeated
3. Terms of office – off table for now
4. New positions (Members at large, VP, etc) – off table for now

### **Nominations for new 2019-2020 Board**

#### **Slate of Nominees**

**President:** Harvey Johnson

**Secretary:** Sandy Walker

**Vice President:** Beth La Fleur (though position was not voted in, so she will be member at large for now?)

**Treasurer:** Dave Sarra

**Member at Large:** Diane Brown

Julie W. Motions to accept the slate of nominees. Joanne K. seconds. Nominations accepted by congregation.

### **Nominations for 2019-2020 Endowment Committee**

**Glen Smith** nominated to committee for first term. **Jim F.** and **Julie** continue. Beth L. motions to accept nominees, June B. seconds. Nominations accepted by the congregation.

## **Nominations for the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee**

**David La Fleur** and **Lisa Fuller** nominated to committee for first term. Nominations accepted by the congregation.

## **Call to Action by Dave Sarra regarding Welcoming Congregation Status**

-There are several requirements each year that must be met in order to remain a "welcoming congregation". Several of these still need to be met. We need to decide as a congregation if we feel it is important to remain an official "Welcoming Congregation".

Straw vote of the congregation is a majority YES.

Dave then discussed the need for volunteers to step up to help the congregation complete the requirements!

## **Social Justice Expense Proposal**

The upcoming year's contributions were proposed. Motion to fund as is passed.

**Lisa closed with a call to action to fill the various committees with volunteers and leaders!**

**Unison reading while chalice is extinguished.**

-Minutes submitted by Beth La Fleur