

**MINUTES OF THE 64th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
UNITARIAN CHURCH IN WESTPORT JUNE 14, 2015**

Board Chair, Michelle Garvey, called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

Denise Davidoff, member, offered a centering meditation.

William McEvoy was appointed Moderator, no objections.

MJ Cross, Clerk, reported over 100 voting members were checked in and the Moderator declared a quorum present.

B Stuck moved, D Davidoff seconded, approval of the meeting minutes for the 2014 Annual Meeting, the Constitution Meetings on 3/29/15 & 4/19/15, and the Ministerial Call Meeting on 5/3/15. Motion carried unanimously.

M Garvey presented the 11th annual Very Fine Lifetime Volunteer Service Award to Don Snook, who received a standing ovation.

M Garvey, Board Chair, presented excerpts from the written report she had prepared for the printed handout.

Endowment Committee Chair Brian Lasher reported on the Endowment Committee's purpose and funds balances, and plans for next year. A copy of his presentation is available on request to the office.

Treasurer Anne Khanna summarized the current status of the planned Lift project. She then reviewed the 2014-15 YTD Balance Sheet and P&L statement and the proposed 2015-16 Budget. Details are in the Annual Report. During discussion of the proposed budget, the UGNO group committed to raising \$5,000 for the fiscal 2015-16 Operating Fund. L Hudson volunteered to spearhead a tag sale in summer 2015, proceeds to go to the 2015-16 Operating Fund.

A Khanna moved, C Klein seconded, the following amendment to the 2014-15 budget: "The 2014-15 budget will be amended to reduce the Denominational Payment from 100% of Fair Share to 50% of Fair Share, if funds are available without causing a deficit. Any remaining funds will be applied to the Fiscal Year 2015 Building and Grounds reserve." Following discussion, the motion was approved by a majority vote, with 5 opposed.

A Khanna moved, L Garvey seconded, approval of the 2015-16 budget.

D Davidoff proposed, R Burnham seconded, an amendment which, after discussion and agreement by D Davidoff, read "If there are funds available at the end of Fiscal Year 2016, over and above the projected net gap in the 2016 budget, it is the intent of the

congregation to fund UUA to 50% of fair share.” After debate, the question was called and the amendment failed – 26 for, more than 50 opposed.
The budget as originally proposed was then voted on and approved, with 3 opposed.

Outgoing NLDC chair, L Garvey, moved, B Stuck seconded, election of the slate of candidates for Board of Trustees, Audit Committee, Endowment Committee, Committee on Ministries, NLDC. The Moderator declared the uncontested slate elected. The elected slate is as follows:

Board of Trustees (3 yr terms): Steve Axthelm (2nd term), Howard Aibel (1st term), Lynda Shannon (1st term), John Turmelle (1st term).

Audit Committee (1 yr terms): Marie Claire Bue (2nd term), Robert Perry (1st term)

Endowment Committee (5 yr terms): Kevin Connolly (4 yrs, fills a vacancy, 1st term), Kevin Leddy (1st term)

Committee on Ministries (staggered terms for start-up): Marti Bishop (5 yrs, 1st term), Anita Pfluger (4 yrs, 1st term), Thomas Hearne (3 yrs, 1st term), William McEvoy (2 yrs, 1st term), John Mason (1 yr, 1st term)

Nominating & Leadership Development Committee (2 yr terms): Denise Davidoff (1st term), Deborah Garskof (1st term), Bart Stuck (1st term), Carol Seiple (1 yr, 2nd term), Sudha Sankar (1 yr, 2nd term).

Under New Business, D Adams, Director of Operations, presented an overview of the new congregation database, Realm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Jane Cross, Clerk