

MINUTES OF THE 65th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITARIAN CHURCH IN WESTPORT JUNE 12, 2016

Board Chair, Michelle Garvey, called the meeting to order at 11:55 am.

Rev. John Morehouse lit the chalice and offered a reflection.

MJ Cross, Clerk, reported over 85 voting members were checked in and the Chair declared a quorum present.

D Bue moved, C Klein seconded, approval of the meeting minutes for the 2015 Annual Meeting and the Constitution Meeting on 5/15/16. Motion carried unanimously.

M Garvey presented the 12th annual Very Fine Lifetime Volunteer Service Award to Carol and Hazen Goddard. They received a standing ovation.

M Garvey, Board Chair, thanked the members who completed service this past year on Elected Committees:

- Lyn Hamilton, Tom Croarkin, Howard Aibel, Anne Khanna , Steve Axthelm, M Garvey – Board of Trustees.
- Bob Trefy, Neil Coleman – Endowment
- Carol Seiple, Sudha Sankar – Nominating & Leadership Development

Mary Money, Year Round Stewardship Committee chair, reported a successful year. Forty stewards reached out to Congregants; they were well received though only a few face-to-face meetings occurred. The committee thanked the staff for the active support given to the campaign.

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 reviewed the 2015-16 YTD Balance Sheet and P&L statement and the proposed 2016-17 Budget. Details are in the Annual Report.

J Mason moved, L Hudson seconded, approval of the 2016-17 budget. It was passed unanimously without discussion.

C Seiple, Nominating and Leadership Development Committee Chair, moved the election of the slate of candidates for Board of Trustees, Audit Committee, Endowment Committee, Committee on Ministries, NLDC. The Chair declared the uncontested slate elected. The elected slate is as follows:

Board of Trustees (3 year terms):

Filling partial terms - Ken Vogel (1 year), Carrie McEvoy (1year), Bob Trefy (2 years)

Full 3-year term – K.C. Senie,(1st), Chris Seiple (1st), Catherine Onyemelukwe (1st)

Audit Committee (1 year terms):

Marie Claire Bue (3rd term), Robert Perry (2nd term)

Endowment Committee (5 year terms):

Filling partial term – Ted Yang (1 year)

Full 5-year term – Sharon P Bittenbender

Committee on Ministries (5 year terms):

Randy Burnham

Nominating & Leadership Development Committee (2 year terms):

Beverly Lieberman, Kathy Robert

Ratification of Proposed Constitution Changes: L Shannon moved, R Burnham seconded ratification of the Constitution as approved May 15, 2016. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.

Installation of New Board & Elected Committee Members: Chair M Garvey welcomed the newly elected leaders to the Board and Elected Committees, charging them to serve the Congregation to the best of their abilities, and charging their fellow Committee members and the Congregation to support them in the work they are taking on.

New business: R Burnham moved, J Mason seconded dedicating a parking spot for the outgoing Board Chair. Passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Cross, Secretary of the Board of Trustees