

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Minutes of January 11, 2015 Congregational Meeting

Attendance

Michele Andra, Carita Barr, Linda Brennon, Dot Brown, Sandy Chubon, Tom Clements, David Crockett, Richard Culler, Linda Doctor, Marc Drews, Patty Drews, Jim DuPlessis, Caroline Eastman, Gertrude Edge, Ron Edge, Meredith Edwards, Shannon Edwards, Gareth Fenley, Yolanda Ganong, Anita Grossman, Suzan Garland, Sej Harman, Elizabeth Harris, Star Henderson, Robin Hightower, Rebecca Hipp, Connie Hudson, Ann Johnson, Neal Jones, Betsy Kaemmerlen, Buzzie Kelly, Mike Kelly, Joe Long, Mary Maclachlan, Morgan Maclachlan, Linda McLeod, Richard McLeod, Kevin Meredith, Lee Minghi, Marilyn Miss, Pat Mohr, Jeff Moulton, Fran O'Toole, Judy Pearce, Karen Murphy Rhu, Greg Roberts, Tiffany Rushton, Patrick Saucier, Christina Seel, Larry Siegel, Jenifer Slater, Ali Smith, Dean Smith, Reenie Stahl, Bethany Storlazzi, Terrence Sullivan, Janet Swigler, Bob Sexton, Timothy VanDenBerg, Ginny Verne, Jim Verne, Stephanie Vesey, Keitha Whitaker, Bob Whitaker.

Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Marc Drews, Co-President Elect, called the meeting to order at 12:17 PM with Tim VanDenBerg serving as Parliamentarian. Sandy Chubon, Secretary, confirmed there was a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda

Dean Smith moved approval of the agenda. Buzzie Kelly seconded. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Shawn Edwards moved for approval of the Minutes of the June 15, 2014 Annual Meeting. Sej Harman seconded. The minutes were approved as written and circulated.

Amendment to the UUCB Bylaws

Patty Drews (Chair of Membership Committee, Co-President Elect) presented the proposed revision to Section 5.1, Membership. (Appendix A) She described the changes, the rationale for those changes, and the process followed by the Membership and Finance Committees and the Board in developing the new wording. **Star Henderson moved that we accept the changes proposed to Section 5.1, Membership. Keitha Whitaker seconded the motion.** Brisk discussion ensued, primarily about the requirement that members contribute money as well as service to be a member of the congregation. This requirement had been re-phrased in the proposed Section 5.1 but the requirement for a monetary contribution was not new; it was already in this section of the bylaws. The availability of a waiver for individuals/families not able to contribute money has not changed. **Joe Long called the question. Caroline Eastman seconded. The motion failed by a voice vote.** Discussion resumed. Strong emotions about the issue were evident. Long term members noted that a heated, emotional discussion has always occurred any time this question is raised and this has been true since the early 1970s. **Marc Drews called for a vote to approve the changes to Section 5.1, Membership, of our bylaws. The motion passed.**

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.

Minutes recorded by Sandy Chubon, Secretary