

UUSRF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 2017

The Annual Meeting was opened at 11:45 AM, Dick Beckham presiding.

President Tera Wells gave a short introduction, thanking all Members and Friends for their support over the past year and their contributions to the Society.

First order of business was the introduction of the new Volunteer of the Year award by Brad Moore. The purpose of this award is to recognize a Member or Friend of UUSRF for their exceptional service to the Society and the principles held by UUSRF over the past year. As part of this recognition we have created a plaque to be prominently displayed. This plaque will have room for multiple recipients through the coming years. Additionally, there is a nice gift/memento given to the recipient. The first recipient was Anna Ostendorf for her many years of service to our children and youth as head of the Spiritual Education program. This is Anna's final year working with the SE program and we wish her well in her future endeavors. You will be missed!!!

Dick Beckham then called for a show of hands to determine if we had a quorum. With 76 members reported to UUA, a quorum would be 38. The count was 30 members present, 4 Absentee ballots, & 5 proxies for a total of 39. We had a quorum.

Reverend Derek Washington then made a call for anyone wishing to become a Member. There was no person who requested membership at this time.

The next 4 orders of business / proposals were approved by the Board of Directors at the April Board meeting.

The first item was a discussion and vote on by-Laws change proposal #1, allowing contributing Friends of the Society the ability to vote at official meetings. See attachment for the complete wording of the proposal. After a very informative and spirited discussion concerning the values of membership and the inherent responsibilities therein, the question was called and seconded. By a show of hands a vote was taken and the proposal failed to pass by a total of 12 FOR and 22 AGAINST, with 5 abstentions.

The next order of business was a discussion and vote on by-Laws change proposal #2, which was to simplify the nominating process for elective positions within the Society. See attachment for the complete wording of the proposal. After a very informative discussion the question was called and seconded. By a show of hands a vote was taken and the proposal passed by a total of 36 FOR and 2 AGAINST, with 3 abstentions.

Next on the agenda was to determine if the Society should extend a contract to Rev Derek Washington, to continue as our half time minister for the next 3 fiscal years. This is the next phase of the process we undertook last year and voted on in December to offer Derek a 6 month contract from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 with a review during the April Board meeting and a recommendation to the general Society at the Annual Meeting. After some discussion the question was called and a vote was taken. The decision to offer Rev Derek a 3 year contract was approved by a total of 36 FOR and 1 AGAINST, with 2 abstentions.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of the budget for the coming fiscal year. This was presented in recap form with comments and explanations by Brad Moore, treasurer. Included was a 3 page handout detailing by account the previous year actuals, current year estimate, and the next fiscal year budget amounts. After a short discussion with Q&A, the question was called and a vote taken. The proposed budget was passed with a total of 34 FOR, 0 AGAINST, with 5 abstentions.

The final voting took place for President-Elect and At-Large member of the Board of Directors. Both positions had a single candidate with no additional nominees from the floor. As a result both Robert Emberger (President-Elect) and Colleen Gray (At-Large member) were unanimously elected with votes of 39 FOR and 0 AGAINST. Congratulations to Bob and Colleen!

We then attempted to present the Chili Cook-off trophy to this year's winner Paula Lugar, who had to depart prior to the presentation. Congratulations to Paula for a pork chili well done!

Tera Wells then took to podium to present 3 more Volunteer of the Year awards. Since this was the inaugural year for the award, the Board opted to backtrack a little and present the award to 4 outstanding volunteers. Anna Ostendorf, as mentioned above for her extraordinary service to our children over the years. The additional recipients are;

Cathy Cliffe for being our Flo in the kitchen. Her cooking and catering abilities are much appreciated by all you partake of her culinary expertise, whether on a Sunday morning, or a special occasion we are assured of wonderful food and service.

Vicki Aarsheim for taking the website bull by the horns and spearheading the successful effort to bring our communications into the 21st century. Maybe we should call her Buck Rogers from now on???

Jens Gunelson who took over a weed infested yard and gave us a wonderful garden the brings fresh vegetables to members, friends, and the community. And also for his carpentry and electronic skills as evidenced by the new sound booth area and attic work space. Let us also not forget he has been the official / unofficial society photographer. If you like your picture, thank Jens, if not, he only prints what the camera sees.

Dick Beckham then took the floor again to start a short discussion concerning what people were looking for in the summer programs and how many, which he will take back to the Program Committee for further discussion and action.

President Tera Wells then closed the Annual Meeting thanking all participants.