

# UUCS Annual Business Meeting

## Minutes of Meeting May 21, 2017

Reverend Richard R. Davis provided a reading and the chalice lighting. Reverend Richard R. Davis followed with a remembrance of congregants who have passed away since the last May Annual Business Meeting: Roger Gillette, Mary Edith Gilbertson, Eunice Sherman, Nina Cleveland, Dick French, Dick Boyle, Karlin Chambers, and Glee Kerns.

The Board Chair, LJ Frederickson, welcomed the congregation and called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Lorna Y., the Treasurer, announced that there is a quorum of the congregation present, necessary to conduct business. 120 certified members of the congregation registered to vote and 32 proxies were submitted by certified members. The bylaw requirement for a quorum is 25% of the 212 members who were certified with the UUA in February of this year, which would be 53 members.

LJ delivered the Board Chair's Annual Report to the congregation. The full report is available on the [uusalem.org](http://uusalem.org) website along with all the other annual reports.

Lorna Y. outlined the current year's income and expenses as compared to the 2016-17 budgeted amounts, after which she called for questions. Lorna outlined that any surplus at the end of the year will be moved to the Maintenance Reserve, as directed by the board.

Lorna Y. outlined the proposed 2017-18 budget and made a motion to adopt the 2017-18 budget. The motion was seconded by Egan Bodtker. Discussion was called for and questions were addressed. The question was called to a vote. The majority was in favor and the motion carries.

Phil C., from the Nominating Committee, reviewed the retiring board members, the board members who are staying on, and presented the slate of new board candidates for the 2017-18 year and made a motion to approve the slate of candidates. The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. Discussion was called for, but there were no questions or discussion. The question was called to a vote. The majority was in favor and the motion carries.

The board members elected starting July of 2017 are as follows:

- Chair: Lynn Cardiff (1 yr. term)
- Vice Chair: Joanne Manson (1 yr. term)
- Secretary: Robin LaMonte (1 yr. term)
- Treasurer: John Prohodsky (3 yr. term)
- Director Seat #1: Benjahmin Boschee (2 yr. term)
- Director Seat #2: Joel Woodman (1 yr. remaining)
- Director Seat #3: Cherryl Rameriz (2 yr. term)
- Director Seat #5: JP Batmale (2 yr. term)
- Director Seat #6: Gloria Holland (1 yr. remaining)

Phil C. reviewed the retiring Nominating Committee Chair, and presented the new Nominating Committee candidate and made a motion to approve the new candidate. The motion was

seconded by Egan Bodtker. Discussion was called for, but there were no questions or discussion. The question was called to a vote. The majority was in favor and the motion carries.

The nominating committee member elected starting July of 2017 is as follows:

- Rob Schiff (3 yr. term)

Lynn Cardiff, the Board Chair Elect, addressed the congregation with a vision of growth and collaboration.

David Jeffers gave an update on our building's current and upcoming needs, and outlined the current Maintenance Fund pledge.

Stephanie Jernstedt introduced the Safer Congregation Committee team and outlined the new and updated policies to be adopted by the board.

Benjamin Boschee presented the plan and accomplishments of the Welcoming Congregation and made a motion to renew our Welcoming Congregation status. The motion was seconded by Lorna Youngs. Discussion was called for and questions were addressed. The question was called to a vote. The majority was in favor and the motion carries.

LJ addressed the congregation concerning ballot/written voting, in that our bylaws tell us exactly how we are to vote and that does not include a ballot/written vote. LJ reminded the congregation that it is important that everyone feel comfortable voting their conscience on every issue, regardless of how others vote.

LJ clarified that the vote on the Sanctuary Congregation is if we, the congregation, wish to be a Sanctuary Congregation, not the specific policy and procedures of how the Sanctuary Congregation will work, as stated in the bylaws (that the board sets and approves policy).

Michael Pollard spoke about deportation and the damage it does to families and people in this country. Michael read the Sanctuary Congregation resolution: *We the members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation (of Salem) resolve to offer sanctuary to undocumented vetted individual(s), whose only civil offence is that they are undocumented, and do so as an act of compassion, as a public witness in opposition to the U.S. government's unjust and inhumane treatment of undocumented persons in this country and as a means to bring about just and compassionate changes in public policies in the treatment of all undocumented people within the national borders.* Michael made a motion to adopt the Sanctuary Congregation resolution. The motion was seconded by Kathy Randall. Discussion was called for and questions were addressed. LJ reviewed the discernment document of information.

Susan Farris-Gosser made a motion to amend the Sanctuary Congregation resolution. The new resolution would read: *We the members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation (of Salem) resolve **to direct the board of directors to develop policies and procedures** to offer sanctuary to undocumented vetted individual(s), whose only civil offence is that they are undocumented, and do so as an act of compassion, as a public witness in opposition to the U.S. government's unjust and inhumane treatment of undocumented persons in this country and as a means to bring about just and compassionate changes in public policies in the treatment of all undocumented people within the national borders.* The amendment motion was seconded. The

amendment was acknowledged by Michael. Discussion was called for and questions were addressed.

Kate Walker called the question to end discussion on the amendment. The question was called to a vote. The majority was in favor and the motion to end discussion on the amendment carries.

The question was called to a vote to adopt the amendment into the original resolution. The majority was in favor and the motion to adopt the amendment carries.

The question was called to a vote on the amended resolution. The majority was in favor and the motion carries.

Kate Walker made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by John Prohowsky. The question was called to a vote. The majority was in favor and the motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Parmley