

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Agenda – Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 2018

<p>Sign In -          The following were distributed with the Tuesday Talk or the Friday Announcements emails: Proposed Constitutional Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proposed Budget</li> <li>● Annual Report</li> <li>● Bios of Candidates</li> <li>● Minutes from Jan 28th and April 8th Congregational Meetings</li> <li>● Organizational Chart</li> <li>● Share the Plate</li> </ul> <p>A limited number of copies are available at the sign in table. Please reference electronic copies, when possible.</p> <p>Ballots distributed at sign in and available in the church office hours through Friday for absentee voting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nominating Committee, Board Members and Moderator</li> <li>○ Constitutional Changes</li> <li>○ Share the Plate</li> </ul>	<p>11:15 (15 min)</p>
<p>Welcome and Announcement of Quorum - Judy Vazquez, Moderator          Approval of Minutes January 28<sup>th</sup> Mid-Year Meeting and April 8th Sanctuary Meeting          Good morning! My name is Judy Vazquez and I am the moderator for the Annual Congregational meeting. Thank you all for coming today. This is your church and your board and your interest in First UU governance is key to our strength and growth as a congregation.</p> <p><b><i>Minutes Mid-Year January 28<sup>th</sup> – Approved</i></b>  <b><i>Sanctuary Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> – Approved</i></b></p>	<p>11:30 (5 min)</p>
<p>Opening Words - Rev. Marian Stewart</p> <p>Memorial Moment - Rev. Eric Meter</p> <p>Reading of church members that have passed away since our previous annual meeting</p> <p><i>Gray Austin</i>  <i>Don Hippensteel</i>  <i>Judith McDowell</i>  <i>John Reisman</i>  <i>Mary Rogers</i>  <i>Sue Sinclair</i>  <i>Gini Szabo</i>  <i>John Trickey</i>  <i>Bill Whitehouse</i></p>	<p>11:35 (5 min)</p>
<p>Report Board of Trustees - Carolee Noonan, Board Chair          Thanks to Ginnie Vogts, Karen Dawson, Nate Blake, Lee Cook</p>	<p>11:40 (5 min)</p>

<p><i>*Year of greeting, growing and Green</i></p> <p><i>*We greeted Rev Marian and Ministerial Intern Amanda Hays and greeted our future with a shared vision and mission.</i></p> <p><i>*We grew in our partnership governance with our professional and volunteer staff.</i></p> <p><i>*We also grew in our Wee Worship and continue to grow with sanctuary.</i></p> <p><i>*We are thankful that we have been successful with our green and growing campaign.</i></p> <p><i>*Next year we will be creating a strategic plan through a relatively slow process. There will be "big" question town halls. The board will not make decisions at these town hall meetings. They are conversations for sharing and learning about each other.</i></p> <p><i>*See the annual report for more details</i></p>	
<p>Budget Report - Jeff Boughton, Treasurer</p> <p><i>*Comparison of where we were 5 years ago in 2014</i></p> <p><i>*The revenue has not changed much but the expenses have increased in line with the consumer price index.</i></p> <p><i>*The revenues are not keeping up with the increase.</i></p> <p><i>*The budget gap is negative 26,000 at the end of June but should lessen as the year goes on.</i></p> <p><i>*The Acorn program will be paying 45,000 that will help get us out of debt. The payment will come in the next couple of years.</i></p> <p>Approval of Budget by Voice Vote - Judy Vazquez, Moderator</p> <p><b>Voice vote Approval of Budget</b></p>	<p>11:45 (15 min)</p>
<p>Green and Growing Capital Campaign - Bob Mills and Kitty Jones Summary of the green and growing follow-up</p> <p><i>*The capital campaign has come to its official end</i></p> <p><i>*Began in 2013</i></p> <p><i>*4 new classrooms built</i></p> <p><i>*New bathrooms</i></p> <p><i>*New doors in the Worship Center</i></p> <p><i>*Skylight was replaced in the Worship Center</i></p> <p><i>*Solar Panels installed</i></p> <p><i>*Enclosed corridor to the SYC classrooms</i></p> <p><i>*Replaced carpeting in the gallery</i></p> <p><i>*LED lights installed</i></p> <p><i>*Widened the corridor outside the bathrooms</i></p> <p><i>*Replaced the courtyard glass and replanted the enclosed garden</i></p> <p><i>*274 pledges totaling \$1.62 million and is the largest capital campaign in First UU history</i></p> <p><i>*As of April, 1.57 million has been raised, with 233 pledges paid in full</i></p> <p><i>*Another \$7000 is expected from people completing their pledges</i></p> <p><i>*An art glass sculpture has been installed celebrating this campaign. Each donor will have their name on a leaf</i></p>	<p>12:00 (5 min)</p>
<p>Review and Discussion of Constitutional Changes - Seth Kraut - Board Vice-Chair</p>	<p>12:05</p>

<p><i>Clean up of the Constitution includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>*Region name</i></li> <li><i>*DRE/MRE</i></li> <li><i>*Religious Exploration</i></li> <li><i>*Partnership Governance</i></li> <li><i>*Teams</i></li> <li><i>*Absentee Voting</i></li> <li><i>*Board Governance Policy</i></li> </ul> <p><i>*Changes requested by Deb Boyd to take the section on Interim Minister Search (Slide 29) and retain it and move to Article 5 section 4 and this will be added as C.</i></p> <p><i>The text that will remain in the Constitution:</i></p> <p><i>"Board of Trustees shall be empowered to appoint a search committee for an interim or consulting minister, which shall include representation from the membership at large, in addition to representatives from the Board of Trustees. The interim search committee shall function according to the procedures established by the Unitarian Universalist Association Office of Ministerial Settlement (or its equivalent) or by other means deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees."</i></p> <p><i>*Motion and was seconded to retain the above text and move to Article 5 Section 4 and would become C.</i></p> <p><b><i>Amendment passed</i></b></p> <p><i>*Motion to approve the changes to the Constitution</i></p> <p><b><i>Amendment passed</i></b></p>	<p>(20 Min)</p>
<p>Nominating Committee Report - Kay Gaskill</p> <p><i>*Mission to identify candidates for the board, nominating committee and moderator</i></p> <p><i>*Candidates reflect the church's commitment to inclusiveness and diversity</i></p> <p><i>*Thank you to the members of the nominating committee</i></p> <p><i>David Maywhoor</i></p> <p><i>Marilyn Beerman</i></p> <p><i>Dennis Rankin</i></p> <p><i>Doug Rossiter</i></p> <p><i>Bob Mills</i></p>	<p>12:25 (5 min)</p>
<p>Elections - Judy Vazquez</p> <p>Vote and Collect Ballots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board of Trustees and Moderator</li> <li>● Nominating Committee Members</li> <li>● Constitutional Amendments</li> </ul> <p>Feel free to mark your Share the Plate Ballot through the end of the meeting since these will be collected at the door as you exit.</p>	<p>12:30 (10 min)</p>
<p>Rev. Marian Stewart</p> <p>Senior Minister Report</p> <p><i>*Membership has been stagnant over the last 30 years.</i></p>	<p>12:40 (10 min)</p>

<p><i>*There has been an increase in the last year</i>  <i>*Reviewed partnership governance</i>  <i>*See slide show "Congregational Annual Meeting 6-3-18" for details</i></p>	
<p>Rev. Eric Meter  Associate Minister Report</p> <p>Search Committee for Director/Minister of Religious Exploration - John Grinstead</p> <p><i>*Elizabeth Mount will be our next Director of Religious Exploration</i>  <i>*They are lifetime UU</i>  <i>*Recent graduate of the Meadville Lombard Theological School</i>  <i>*Completed a two-year internship at First UU of Denver</i>  <i>*Will be joining us on August 15th</i></p>	<p>12:50  (10 min)</p>
<p>Rev. Lane Campbell  Minister of Religious Exploration Report</p> <p>Thank you and Best Wishes - Carolee Noonan  Last time 😞</p> <p><i>*Publishing attendance every week</i>  <i>*Program has served over 300 youth over the year</i>  <i>*This program touches a lot of lives</i>  <i>*Grateful to have served here</i>  <i>*Director originally and then ordained here</i></p>	<p>1:00  (10 min)</p>
<p>Amanda Hays, Ministerial Intern  Focused Initiative: Beloved Conversations</p> <p><i>*Thanked First UU for the support</i>  <i>*Next year as part of her Seminary Program Amanda will be taking on a focused initiative project</i>  <i>*The project will introduce beloved conversations at first UU</i>  <i>*This is a small group program that helps congregations talk about race and ethnicity</i></p>	<p>1:10  (5 min)</p>
<p>Brian Hagemann  Director of Administration Report</p> <p><i>*Annual Report is on the website</i>  <i>*Two problem areas of the church are around the skylight that leaks. Hallway between fellowship hall and the courtyard there is a drainage pipe that causes issues.</i>  <i>*Developing a long term plan for the roof to have it maintained</i>  <i>*Roofing materials reflect more of the ultraviolet light and then do not heat up as much which reduces the heat island</i>  <i>*Display panel now shows the output of the solar array which provides 6% of our power</i>  <i>*LED lights have been installed</i>  <i>*ESOL class that is in session every day of the week during the school year</i>  <i>*50 students and two teachers provided by Columbus City Schools</i>  <i>*This program has been running for 10 years</i></p>	<p>1:15  (5 min)</p>

<p><i>*Students are refugees or recent immigrants</i>  <i>*Cleaning staff will be with a nonprofit called "She has a name cleaning services"</i></p>	
<p>Results of Ballot Voting -  Candidates by Kay Gaskill, Nominating Committee  Constitutional Amendment by Seth Kraut, Board Vice-Chair</p> <p><b>Results:</b></p> <p><b>Board</b>  <i>Alli Bonsteel</i>  <i>Greg Denby</i></p> <p><b>Moderator</b>  <i>Judith Vazquez</i></p> <p><b>Nominating</b>  <i>Melany Boyd</i>  <i>Jennifer Nichols</i>  <i>Gina Phillips</i></p>	<p>1:20  (5 min)</p>
<p>Introduction of New Youth Board Members, Jhalez Caldwell-Craig and Lilly Colegrove  by Nate Blake</p> <p>Extinguish the Chalice - Jhalez, Lilly and Nate</p> <p>Announced</p>	<p>1:25  (5 min)</p>
<p>Adjourn - Judith Vazquez</p> <p>Turn in Share the Plate Ballots at the door</p>	<p>1:30</p>