

Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater
Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm on May 17, 2009.

Opening words were spoken by Rev. Millie Rochester.

A quorum was present. 145 voters attended. A quorum is 65.

Bob Buesing moved the acceptance of the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting. Marie Chapman seconded. Approved.

Special thanks were given to the Board members completing their term of office.

Bill Norsworthy announced that the Volunteer of the Year is Bill Newton.

Reports:

Clearwater UU Church Foundation:

Harold Winners

Report distributed. The Leadership of the Foundation would like members to remember either the Foundation or the Congregation in their wills.

Stewardship Committee:

Bill Snell

Report distributed. The pledges amounted to \$290,000. 212 units pledged. 21 members contributed to the second campaign. 33% raised pledges, 34% stayed the same, and 11% were new pledges. Bill thanked Owen and Carolyn Thompson, Nancy Baker, Helga Reaves, Fred Seidl, and those who participated in the stewardship videos.

Property Committee:

John Chase

Report distributed. Cooling and heating policies are noted beside each thermometer on campus.

Treasurer's Report:

Dick Rolfes

Report distributed: At the beginning of the year, it appeared that there would be a large deficit: We had to freeze salaries, and economy downturn made things worse. Recently, there were more positive trends: collection plate was \$10,000 over budget, Bill Kraft's daughters gave us a gift, the Zen Buddhists rented the manse, expenses were kept down, and there was an additional \$14,000 to last year's pledges.

Consulting Minister Selection Process:

Bill Norsworthy

The Selection Committee, {Bill Norsworthy (chair), Sue Boone, Jackie Brown, Hal Sparks, Janet Clark and Dotti Doyle (alternate)} is working through UUA. Several candidates have responded. The Committee will interview them next week. According to our by-laws, the process requires the Board to recommend a candidate to the Congregation, then the Congregation will have an opportunity to vote.

Consulting Minister Selection Context:

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

The Consultant’s job description will be much the same as Rev. Millie Rochester’s current job description. The Consultant has an additional role: to help us determine whether or not we are able to financially continue with the two-minister model. This person will assist in Pastoral Care but not take the lead. It is a one-year contract position.

Motion: by Linda Stoller, seconded by Allison Snell to approve the Board’s recommendation of a 5–person Consultant Selection Committee and that the Committee bring a candidate’s name to the congregation. Approved with three abstentions.

Senior Minister’s Ministerial Agreement:

Hal Sparks

Report recommends extension of current agreement by one year.

Motion: by Dorothy Wyllie, seconded by Linda Stoller to approve a one-year extension of Senior Minister’s Ministerial Agreement. Approved with two abstentions.

UUC Environmental Policy:

Dotti Doyle.

Policy distributed. Involves Board appointing a Green Team and having the team monitor progress and report back to Board.

Motion: by Sally Demerest, seconded by Arlene Alldredge to approve UUC Environmental Policy, including the temperature controls indicated by each of the campus thermometers. Approved with three abstentions.

Motion: to approve Dorothy Wyllie, Elly Kelly Baker, Sue Boone, Roger Rochester, Dotti Doyle, and Pat MacGivern as delegates, and Abhimanyu Janamanchi as youth delegate to the General Assembly. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion: by Denise Seeber, seconded by Helga Reaves to approve the Board’s recommendation to accept Rissho Kosei-Kei’s proposal that one of their staff members, Nicholas Ozuna, join our congregation for a one-year ministerial internship. Approved unanimously.

Motion: by Marie Chapman, seconded by Sharis Coleman-Derr to accept the slate of nominees:

President Elect:	Terry Stapleton
Secretary:	Dotti Doyle
Treasurer:	Bill Norsworthy

Board Members, three year term through 2012:

Cassandra Alderman
Jefferson Taylor
Tricia Weimer

Alternates to the Board, one year term through 2010:

Lynette Wood

Ellen Morgan

Nominating Committee, Two year term through 2011:

Ken Bliznick

Charlene Carnes

Catherine Conover

Committee on Ministry, Two year term through 2011:

Lucille Odeneal

Approved with five abstentions

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The new Officers and Directors were welcomed.

Budget for 2009-2010:

Ed Kramer, Chair, Finance Committee

Report distributed. The Board was actively involved in a line item review.

We need to have a balanced budget, because we have run out of excess cash reserves. \$398,00 projected income. Which is \$11,000 lower than last year.

Motion: by Janet Clark, seconded by Pat McGivern to approve the Budget for 2009-2010.

There was discussion over the Music Director's salary.

Motion: by John Chase to call the question. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion: to approve the budget for 2009-2010 approved with two nays and four abstentions.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Conover, Secretary to Board of Trustees