

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation (OUUC)

Congregational Meeting

December 16, 2016

7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

The winter congregational meeting of the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation was held on Friday, December 16, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the church. The Board President, Michele Hendrickson, chaired the meeting. Also present were board members: Vice president, Alice Curtis; Treasurer, Wendy Tanner; Secretary, Helen Henry; and members-at-large Lorrie Eaton, Mary Anne Trause, Martha Nicoloff, Jim Anest, and Linda Selsor.

7:05 **Invocation** by the Rev. Thomas Perchlik

7:10 **Greetings** by President of the board, Michele Hendrickson.

7:12 **Verify Quorum**

A quorum was determined, 62 members present (55 required) as counted by board members Martha Nicoloff, and Jim Anest.

Jonathan Nowitz made a statement that there was no official presiding officer, so the meeting could not happen.

Neil Marsh made a motion that Michele Hendrickson be nominated as the presiding officer for the meeting. It was seconded. Motion passed by verbal vote.

Jonathan Nowitz said that the agenda was out of order.

Curtis Tanner moved that we suspend rules of order. Bill Arensmeyer seconded. Motion passed by verbal vote.

Jim Langenfelder moved to accept the agenda as written. Linda Selsor seconded. The motion passed by verbal vote.

7:18 **OUUC Covenant and Values, Mission and Ends**

Alice Curtis led the congregation in reading the OUUC Covenant and Values, Mission and Ends.

7:22 **Approve April 2016 Congregational Meeting Minutes**

Michele Hendrickson asked that the minutes of the congregation meeting of April 29, 2016 be approved.

Gail Gosney moved to accept minutes as written. Steve Tilley seconded.

Jonathan Nowitz said the minutes were out of compliance with Roberts Rules of Order.

Discussion followed.

Jim Lengenfelder reminded the congregation that we have moved to suspend the rules of order.

Brian Coyne, parliamentarian, added that nothing has been done in the meeting that expressly violates the OUUC by-laws.

Minutes were approved as written by verbal vote.

7:30 **Five Ministries**

Linda Selsor presented an organizational chart of the ministries & governance of OUUC.

7:35 **Implementing the Ends**

**The Board of Trustees:** Mary Anne Trause gave an overview of the Board's fall activities and duties under Policy Governance model.

7:42 **The Ministries**

Accountable person, Sara Lewis, gave an overview of the Lifespan Faith Development Ministry: Religious Education of youth, Adult Education, and Circles of the Spirit.

7:47 Accountable person, Darlene Sarkela, gave an overview of Resources ministry: maintenance, inspection, building and grounds committee, physical and legal safety, communications (IT, AV, website, Press Releases, archives, REALM software)

7:52 Accountable person, Bonnie Guyer Graham, gave an overview of Community Life ministry: Caring friends, hospitality/coffee teams, weekly social groups, Pop up dinners, community dinners, membership team, partner church in Kissolymous Romania, REALM

8:00 Accountable person, The Rev. Carol McKinley, gave an overview of Faith and Action Ministry: social and environmental justice programs, Share the Plate, Green Sanctuary, Justice and Equality, (Justice not Jails, Standing up to Racism, -----Legislative advocacy, Homelessness and Hunger, Community Kitchen, hosting at overnight shelter, Unitarian Service Committee, immigration issues, Native American Right Relations, Religious phobia (visits to the local mosque.)

8:08 Accountable person, The Rev. Perchlik, gave an overview of Spiritual Life ministry: Worship Arts Committee, pastoral care, budget creation, general communication within the congregation.

8:13 **Funding the Ends**

Board treasurer, Wendy Tanner, and The Rev. Perchlik presented the budget process.

Questions were taken from the floor.

Neil Marsh requested a recount for quorum since a few people had left. Quorum number was still adequate.

Gail Gosney moved that "the 2017 budget be approved at the \$501,885.00 amount."

Don Melnick seconded. The 2017 budget passed by verbal vote.

Jim Langenfelder moved that the "surplus from 2016 be used to pay down the mortgage."

Steve Tilley seconded. Discussion followed. Verbal vote of the Lengenfelder motion failed.

9:00 **Closing** President Michele Hendrickson thanked many people who were involved in planning the meeting and the budget and those that supported the meeting by working in the kitchen and the audio-visual booth. She also thanked every member who attended.

9:05 **Benediction** The Rev. Thomas Perchlik concluded the meeting.