

Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting May 18, 2014

Board president Beverly Sneddon called the Annual Congregational meeting to order at 11:23 am. Reverend Hilary Krivchenia added her welcome to the congregation and ended with a reading.

Endowment Committee

The agenda sequence was changed and Mike Berry gave a brief presentation about the work of the endowment committee. He outlined the recent steps the committee took in selecting a fund for the endowment funds and highlighted times that members might give to Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist. Berry's presentation reflected the presentation made to the Board of Trustees regarding the Vanguard Fund and vote of the Board of Trustees to place CCUU's endowment funds there.

Election of candidates

President Beverly Sneddon then stated the requirements for voting at the Annual Meeting. The right to vote is limited to those who have been members for 31 days and have paid a pledge or received an exemption. The Annual meeting requirement is for a quorum of 20% of the voting members to be present at the meeting. With a certified membership of 316 members, the required number is **63 members** present at the meeting. Based on a physical count of those present with hands raised as qualifying with a right to vote, Trustees Kathy Dahlgren and Bridget Smith reported that 83 members were present. Beverly Sneddon reported that we had a quorum present.

There was then an announcement of slate of candidates.

For the Board of Trustees

Nominees for the Board of Trustees:

- Karen Noorani (President-elect for 1 year, followed by 2 year term as President)
- Sheryl Skifstad (Vice President, 2 year term)
- Alan Greenland (2 year term)
- Mike Berry (2 year term)
- Matt Briddell (2 year term)
- John Conneely (1 year term; finishing John Mosman's term)

Continuing on the Board of Trustees:

- Beverly Sneddon – President (completing 2nd year of 2 year term)
- Beth Ligouri – Treasurer (completing 2nd year of 2 year term)
- Deb Quentel – Secretary (completing 2nd year of 2 year term)
- Gloria Kinney (completing 2nd year of 2 year term)

Chris Smith made a motion to approve the slate of Trustees and Board officers 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Ken Bobbe. Upon voice vote, Beverly Sneddon reported that the motion carried unanimously.

For the Endowment Committee

Nominee for the Endowment Committee:

- Fran Mueller (1st year of 5 year term)

Continuing on the Endowment Committee:

- Kay Gredell (2nd of 5 year term)
- Mike Berry (3rd year of 5 year term)
- Karen Greenland (4th year of 5 year term)
- Art Mayfield (5th year of 5 year term)

Matt Briddell made a motion to approve the slate of nominees for the Endowment Committee. Karl Michalec seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken. Upon voice vote, Beverly Sneddon reported that the motion carried unanimously.

For the Nominating Committee

Nominees for the Nominating Committee:

- Siri Laurin (1st year of final 2 year term)
- Laura Mandel (1st year of final 2 year term)
- Angelina Huntsha (1st year of first 2 year term)

Continuing on the Nominating Committee:

- Jeanie Michalec (2nd year of final 2 year term)
- Melanie Schikore [2nd year of final 2 year term)
- Lisa Hagenbuch [2nd year of first term)

Greg Blus made a motion to approve the slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by John Conneely. There being no discussion, upon voice vote, President Beverly Sneddon reported that the motion carried unanimously.

Stewardship Campaign Update – Beth Ligouri Treasurer

Beth Ligouri reported on the stewardship drive; 95% of pledging units responded and met 97% of the budget. She extended a special thank you to more than 25 staff and volunteers who participated and volunteered for the drive.

Ligouri walked the congregation through the financial information as stated in the agenda. Turning first to the Balance Sheet, which she noted is presented in response to a question from the 2013 Annual meeting. Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist is in a very sound financial position. From the operating side, the treasurer noted that she has seen the importance of pledging what we aspire to and fulfilling that pledge.

Turning to the 2014-2015 Budget, the treasurer reported that 86% of CCUU's budget comes from pledges. The remaining funds come from rentals and the north property. Ligouri presented an overview of the process for setting a budget for the 2014-2015 years. Items that the treasurer highlighted included the increase for staff salary and increase in hours for Religious Education Assistant time. Further, Ligouri noted the order of prioritizing budget items, and she reminded

the congregation that the Budget Team and the Board prioritized the items, so if CCUU does receive more funds, the sequence of items will govern funding of the items that currently are not funded.

Finally, the treasurer highlighted some areas of expenses, such as salaries, operating expenses and the mortgage.

President Beverly Sneddon asked for a motion to approve the budget as presented. John Conneely made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 budget. Robin LaBedz seconded the motion.

The floor was opened for discussion. Following the discussion and upon hand vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Recap of the Church Year – Presentations by Committees

A representative of each committee gave a brief presentation about the work of the committee. Highlights can be found in the Annual Report.

Recognition of outgoing Board of Trustees

President Beverly Sneddon thanked the following members of leadership for their service on the Board of Trustees: Tom MacTavish, Bridget Smith, and Kathy Dahlgren.

Recognition of other outgoing leaders (Ministry Council and standing committees)

Bridget Smith and Beverly Sneddon recognized outgoing leaders from many of the committees.

Recognition of CCUU Staff

Beverly Sneddon recognized the work of Laurie Lantz, Congregational Administrator, and reminded the congregation that Lantz has transitioned to full-time. Debbie Lee was recognized for all she does to help to hold CCUU together.

Sneddon announced that Jeff Hamrick, Director of Music and Pianist, has tendered his resignation. And, she noted that he would continue at CCUU for several weeks.

Lastly, President Sneddon recognized the contributions of the Senior Minister, Reverend Hilary Landau Krivchenia and Assistant Minister for Lifespan Religious Education, Reverend Colleen L. Vahey to Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist. The congregation also joined in thanking Community Based Minister, Dr. C. Scot Giles.

Trustee member Gloria Kinney was joined by the congregation in thanking President Bev Sneddon for her leadership.

Reverend Hilary Krivchenia offered closing words to the congregation.

Alan Greenland made a motion to adjourn the 2014 Annual Meeting. Leslie Peet seconded the motion. Upon unanimous hand vote, the motion passed, and President Beverly Sneddon adjourned the meeting at 12:32 pm.

Minutes submitted by Deb Quentel
Board of Trustees, Secretary, Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist