February 15, 2015 Report to UUCB on 2/8/15 Congregational Meeting

Dear Fellow Congregants,

In these dense, fast-paced times, our Feb 8 Congregational Meeting already seems decades ago, but really it was only last week, and I owe you a report. This is the "report conveying the essence of the meeting" mandated by a new appendix to our by-laws and mainly designed to fill in the gaps for any member who could not be present. You will also find all documents from the meeting on our website very soon.

Jean Gleason called the meeting to order. Not only did we meet the requirements for a quorum, but a record number of members attended, which probably has a great deal to do not only with the delicious lunch provided but with out increased spirit of involvement.

We easily and quickly adopted the agenda, read our covenant, and approved the May18, 2014 Congregational Meeting Minutes.

Flaming Chalice Awards were presented to Robin Cooper by Susan Wansing, Marin Fischer by Lynne Cahoon, and Hoa Voscott by Judy Sam.

Our respected outgoing president gave a lovely, moving recap of her presidency, complete with a power point presentation.

Treasurer Linda Laskowski, Stewardship Chair Anne Greenwood, and Membership Coordinators Lonnie Moseley and Paul Hudson each, with incredible clarity and heart, brought us the message that we all need to hear and gave us the motivation to do what we need to do: that we must make a serious commitment to pledging and membership if we want to ensure the future of this beloved institution.

We also heard from Jane Middleton for the Coordinating Team, summarizing the good work being done in this challenging time of transition, and from Larry Nagel for the Capital Campaign Task Force, detailing the projects that will be getting underway very soon.

Outgoing Board Members Kathleen Baumgartner, Ladie Malek and Maryann Simpson were recognized. Results of the Board Election were announced. Re-elected members Logan Stump-Vernon and Mitch Sukalski and new members Tony Bushman, Jack Duggan and Richard Hanway were installed with a benediction for Rev. Greg Ward.

We adjourned on time at 2:15!

Many thanks to Jane Lundin for her lunch idea, which brought a record 104 people to the meeting (!) and was so beautifully carried out by Barbara Hillbourn, Ann Harlow and an amazing crew of volunteers.

Many thanks to Jean Gleason for orchestrating a smoothly run, very effective meeting and for her two years of dedicated service in this office, which have set a very high standard

indeed for your new president.

yours,

Deborah