

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
Congregational Meeting: Celebration and Planning
February 12, 2006

MINUTES

Call to Order and Determine Presence of a Quorum

The business meeting was called to order at 11:50am by Board President Susan Lankford. 122 church members were present, establishing a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda

Susan Lankford explained that the agenda printed in the order of service differed in two ways from the agenda mailed to members: 1) The revised agenda omitted the time limits allotted for each agenda item; 2) The revised agenda added a "Recognition of Council Members."

Ellen Fisher moved to adopt the revised agenda printed in the order of service. Winnie Sayre seconded the motion. The revised agenda was adopted unanimously by a verbal vote.

Approval of Minutes of Congregational Meetings of May 15, 2005 and January 15, 2006

There were no corrections to the minutes from either meeting. Both were approved.

Naming of Flaming Chalice Award Recipients

The ceremony honoring recipients of the Flaming Chalice Awards was included in the worship service. To comply with the Bylaws and for the record as contained in the minutes, we note that this year's awardees are Jay Bunker, David Lingenfelter, Sandra Pastermack, and Warren Zittel.

Election Update (not on the agenda)

Anne Greenwood interrupted the meeting to report that an insufficient number of ballots had been cast for the election of new Board members. Members who had not yet voted were temporarily excused from the meeting to cast their votes in the atrium. During this recess, the rest of the congregation was led in song.

Treasurer's Report

Jan Setchko reported on the salutary financial status of the church. There were no questions.

Canvass Report

Lynne Cahoon, John Cahoon, and David Lingenfelter are co-chairs of the church canvas. Lynne gave an update on behalf of the committee. There were no questions.

Report of the Governance Review Committee

In September 2004, the Board began an experimental year with Policy Based Governance. At the September 26, 2004 special congregational meeting this decision by the Board became a topic of heated discussion. Just over one year ago, the newly installed Board asked volunteers from the congregation to form an independent review committee and report back to the Board and congregation on the experimental year with Policy Based Governance. Church members received a 2-page Summary Evaluation. Full-length reports were also available on the literature table and on the church website.

The members of the Governance Review Committee were acknowledged, and chair Jim Burneo spoke for the Committee. There were no questions.

Recognition of Council Members

Pat Schwartz introduced the Church Council, recognizing outgoing, incoming, and continuing members. She then summarized the work of the Council over the last year.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Kay Fairwell, Vice President of the Board, recognized outgoing board members Roger Dillahunty, Vernon Muhr, and Ira Nelken, and thanked them for their service to the church.

Results of Election of New Board Members

Sufficient votes having been cast and tallied, Kay Fairwell announced the winners of the Board election. Kay Fairwell, Joyce Curry, Diana Holt, and Warren Zittel were elected to the Board of Trustees. The new Board was installed by the congregation in a ceremony led by the Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway.

Closing

The meeting concluded with the singing of Spirit of Life (#123) and a blessing by the ministers. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Magidson, Acting Secretary