

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
Congregational Meeting
May 17, 2020
Meeting Conducted via Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES - DRAFT

Call to Order and Determine Presence of a Quorum

Kerry Simpson, President of the Board of Trustees, thanked the volunteer tech team who spent hours preparing for the meeting. She said if we were in the Sanctuary we would be having a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new ramp to the chancel and thanked Jane Lundin for funding the ramp in memory of Bob Lundin.

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 12:07. There were at least 99 people present, so a quorum was determined.

Chalice Lighting: Rev. Christian Schmidt read an invocation while President Simpson lit a candle.

David Rosales gave instructions for “raising hands” during the meeting and how to participate in a Zoom poll.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda passed by poll.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 9, 2020 Congregational Meeting were approved with one correction: In the tie vote for the Board, replace Helen Tinsley-Jones with Elaine Miller.

Announcement of Schweitzer Medal Recipients: The awardees are Barbara Cullinane and Deborah Schmidt. Awards will be presented when congregation is able to meet in person.

Election of new members to the Nominating Committee: Victoria Bowen, Dayana Claghorn, Robin Cooper, Selene Fabiano and Max Jenny were approved to join the Nominating Committee for next February’s Board of Trustees election.

State of the Congregation: Kerry Simpson, Board President, read a poem and remarked on what a year it’s been.

Approval of Budget for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year

Tess Snook O’Riva, Executive Director, and Larry Nagel, Treasurer, each presented several slides and answered questions. With many unknowns at this time, they expected to present a revised budget during the fiscal year. The draft budget was based on hoping to reopen in the fall. A vote was held via Survey Monkey and the draft budget was approved.

Following a benediction by Rev. Christian Schmidt, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Harlow, Secretary

