

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
Congregational Meeting
May 23, 2021
(by Zoom video conference)

MINUTES – Draft

Call to Order and Determination of the Presence of a Quorum

President Beth Pollard called the meeting to order and said that far more than the 48 required for a quorum were present. Rev. Michelle Collins did the chalice lighting and reading, followed by the land acknowledgment read by Helen Tinsley-Jones and the covenant read by Alisa Gould Sugden.

Adoption of the Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda (moved by Dayana Claghorn, seconded by Selene Fabiano) carried.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 14, 2021 Congregational Meeting were approved as drafted (moved by Cordell Sloan, seconded by Anne Geenwood).

Presentation of Schweitzer Medal for Extraordinary Service

Jane Middleton presented the award to Lonnie Moseley. Linda Zittel presented it to Larry Nagel.

Recognition of Office Administrator Alisa Gould Sugden

The Board presented Alisa with a proclamation of appreciation as she prepared to retire in June after 21 years of service.

Reports: President Beth Pollard gave the State of the Congregation report. Lenore Ralston, chair, reported for the Endowment Committee. Tom Tripp, chair, gave the Capital Projects Oversight Committee Report.

Annual Financial Report and Budget for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year: Executive Director Tess Snook O’Riva commented on the documents sent out with the agenda.

Action Items:

Jean Gleason moved and Tom Tripp seconded that the proposed **budget** be adopted. The budget was approved by means of an online survey following the meeting because it was considered a major decision. The approval was unanimous with 86 votes submitted.

Also by online survey, the Board’s recommendation of Lynne Cahoon, Sandy Portillo-Robins, and Terry Stokes to join the **Nominating Committee** was ratified unanimously with 86 votes.

Per procedures in the Bylaws, a congregational vote was taken in advance of the meeting on a number of amendments to the **Bylaws** (indicated in color on the attached). They were approved with 49 yes votes and 2 no votes.

After a benediction by Rev. Michelle, Beth Pollard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Harlow, Secretary