

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
Congregational Meeting
December 13, 2015**

MINUTES

Call to Order and Determination of the Presence of a Quorum

President Deborah Schmidt called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and asked for a count of the members present. 60 members were counted, more than a quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mary Muehlbach moved adoption of the agenda, Elizabeth Hutchins seconded, and the motion passed.

Introduction and Reading the Covenant

Deborah Schmidt opened the meeting by explaining that budget changes over \$10,000 require congregational approval. She described the sources of the deficit and the use of funds from Pat Ellis's bequest to cover part of the shortfall. She then lead the congregation in reading the church's Covenant of Right Relations.

Budget Approval

Mary Muehlbach moved and Tony Bushman seconded adoption of the revised budget. Lynn Hammond moved and Mary Muehlbach seconded a motion to limit debate to one minute per speaker, which passed by the required two thirds. Susan Lankford proposed a change in the original motion to remove use of the Ellis funds, thereby increasing the deficit. After a short series of speakers this amendment was adopted and then so was the main motion, both by near-unanimous votes. Paul Hudson voted against both motions because the budget does not provide adequate funds to maintain the buildings.

Blessing

At 12:30 Deborah Schmidt asked Interim Minister Greg Ward for a blessing and closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Lundin, secretary