

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
Congregational Meeting
February 14, 2021
(by Zoom video conference)

MINUTES – Draft

Call to Order and Determination of the Presence of a Quorum

Acting President Kathryn Jay called the meeting to order at 12:27 pm and a quorum was established. (72 computers were linked at start, 86 later, many with more than one UUCB member watching.) Rev. Michelle did a chalice lighting reading.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion (M Marin Fischer/S Dayana Claghorn) to adopt the agenda passed.
Kathryn Jay read the Covenant of Right Relations.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 17, 2020 Congregational Meeting (M Larry Nagel/S Dayana Claghorn) were approved.

Stewardship Team Report

Patrick Cullinane reported that this year's stewardship campaign is represented by the tree of life mosaic and "Care, Compassion, Community." He expressed some of the financial challenges for the coming year. Michael Armstrong spoke about the "why" of giving. The main pledge campaign will run March 7-28 so the Board will know how much to budget for fiscal 2021-22.

Budget Revision

Tess O'Riva explained the proposed changes. She expects the projected deficit to disappear by the end of the fiscal year. The changes were approved by voting on Survey Monkey following the meeting.

Widening the Circle of Concern Report: A video from the Board task force on the report from the UUA was shown to familiarize the congregation with the anti-oppression project. Kathryn encouraged everyone to read the full report and talk with members of the task force.

Flaming Chalice Awards (announced by Kerry Simpson)

Lonnie Moseley presented the award to Victoria Bowen.

Ladie Malek presented the award to Kathryn Jay.

Christina Creveling presented the award to Ariel Smith-Iyer.

Beth Jerde presented the award to Helen Toy.

Recognition

Kerry Simpson expressed gratitude, love and respect to outgoing Board of Trustees members Jack Duggan, Kathryn Jay, Logan Stump-Vernon, and outgoing Treasurer Larry Nagel.

Election

Beth Pollard, chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked the Nominating Committee members for their service: Victoria Bowen, Dayana Claghorn, Robin Cooper, Selene Fabiano, Don Klose, Max Jenny and Marta Tobey. She announced that Ariel Smith-Iyer had been elected for a one-year term, Cordell Sloan was reelected for a second three-year term, and Bill Brown and Randall Hudson were newly elected for three-year terms.

Board Installation, Benediction and Adjournment

Rev. Michelle Collins installed the 2021-22 Board with a virtual “laying on of hands” and gave the benediction, a reading by Rilke.

Kathryn Jay adjourned the meeting at 1:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Harlow, Secretary