

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley**  
**Congregational Meeting**

May 22, 2022

(In-person and 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 at 12:40PM and said that 50 people were required for a quorum. A presence of quorum was established (14 people on Zoom and 52 people in the sanctuary). Rev. Michelle Collins did the chalice lighting and reading, followed by the covenant read by Lisa Maynard, and the land acknowledgment read by Beth Pollard.

**Action Items:**

- **Adoption of the Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda (moved by Jean Gleason, seconded by Jane Lundin) carried.
  
- **Minutes:** The minutes of the February 23, 2022 Congregational Meeting were approved as drafted (moved by Deborah Schmidt, seconded by Roberta Shaw).

**Presentation of Schweitzer Medal for Extraordinary Service**

Stephanie Ann Blythe presented the award to Jean Gleason. Lonnie Moseley presented it to Ann Harlow.

**Installation of the Ministerial Search Committee**

Rev. Michelle installed the following individuals for the Ministerial Search Committee: Ariel Smith-Iyer, Deborah Schmidt, Don Klose, Greg Lemieux, Ladie Malek, Lorraine Schnurr, Sandy Portillo-Robins, and Suzette Anderson-Duggan.

**Reports**

President Beth Pollard gave the State of the Congregation report. Don Klose reported for the Stewardship Committee. Anita Mermel, Endowment chair, reported for the Endowment Committee. Lenore Ralston, Treasurer, provided a financial report. Tess O'Riva shared slides to explain the financial "pickle" that came to a head at UUCB in 2018, what led to it, how it was managed, and processes that have been put in place to prevent it from happening again.

**Proposed Budget for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year**

Tess O'Riva presented slides and spoke about the proposed budget. She indicated the proposed budget is a deficit budget and that cash reserves from Fiscal Year 21-22 can help with this deficit. Tess answered questions.

Tom Tripp moved and Jean Gleason seconded that the proposed budget be adopted. The motion passed with one opposition vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Selene Fabiano, Secretary