

UUCNH Congregational Meeting

5/17/2015

Minutes

12:20 call-to-order

Official member count 203

We have quorum at over 41 members

Mark Draa tenure will conclude, Dennis Doubleday to succeed as Board President

Approval of Minutes from two previous meetings

- Mary Ellen Johnson moves that we approve minutes, Barb Draa seconds

Budget

- 7% increase in pledge revenue (necessary due to loss of rental and fundraising revenue)
- Treasurer will now be paid position
- Missing from expenses: building maintenance reserve allocation and health insurance for staff— ACA says we can no longer pay Scott's insurance premiums pre-tax – this change was the impetus to look at a group health plan for all employees at ¾ time or more—estimated additional \$16k needed per year to pay insurance for Scott Rudolph, Greta Porter, and Lynne Ferrari
- No questions
- Dennis Doubleday motion to approve, Ivan Baumwell seconds, all in favor

LDT Nominations

- LDT wishes to thank congregation for participating in leadership of this church, and to thank Bill Faulkner and Jan Hoeter, departing LDT
- LDT moves to place into election the following
 - Ivan Baumwell - Board
 - John Brobst - Board
 - Dawn Lindsay - Board
 - Joe Meier LDT
 - Ed Rockman LDT
 - Patty Scott LDT
- Mary Ellen Johnson moves to accept nominations for vote, Sue Broughton seconds

- All LDT and board nominees approved by majority of paper ballots

Covenant

- Covenant process tries to make the implicit explicit. Idea is to adopt as congregation, focus is on the relational, what we can commit to as members. Hope is that all the statements affirm who we are as a congregation. And if fellow congregants drift out of covenant we can lovingly try to draw them back in. If congregants express they cannot follow the values expressed in covenant, then sentiment is that the UUCNH is not the right congregation for them.
- Please amend the grammar on “needing my differences understood” to “in needing to have my differences understood”
- Please amend descriptive paragraph to be grammatically correct, include “m” after “who”
- Move to accept covenant as amended Robin Travers, John Scott seconds

Report from Governance

- Committee members explained progress, the strengths and weaknesses, and what is to be improved
- Welcomes inputs from congregation
 - Q: is there a mechanism for feedback or is it only meeting periodically? A: we researched to find out where we are, now we need to decide where to go and we will make recommendations. Ideally congregants can look at the docs and make recommendations or ideas for how to improve procedure.

Appeal from Board president for help with B&G committee. Will divide into several subgroups in the hope that we can find leadership for more digestible tasks. Please help – contact MD or Pete if you have interest in being steward of our physical community!

Other Board reports

CAR – explanation of what CAR is, C= charge FROM THE BOARD. A=authority each group is given. R=responsibility of group. 19 board approved docs are located on website and in CAR binder in office.

Threshold Team – gave update on areas of potential growth, thanked congregation for inputs

Recognition of outstanding service:

- Lou Bartolomucci for stewardship
- Tassi Bisers for Sunday services and west room
- Jeanine Brobst for visual themes and holiday poinsettias
- Diana and Pete for B&G
- Doug and Robyn for RE during Greta sabbatical
- Mary Ellen Johnson – for budget help
- Ed Rockman – for board help, bylaw writing, and much more
- Ginny Walzer- coffee hour

- Mary, Hal Cheyenne, Jeanine for music
- Connie and LDT team to build pipeline of future leaders

Thank you also to Lynn Richards, Ed Rockman, for time on board

Dennis Doubleday – acknowledged new leadership program helpful to board continuity, thank you to Ed Rockman for guidance and involvement, and to Mark Draa for a year of leadership and for staying on board as past-president.

Motion to adjourn Ed Rockman.

1:26 adjourn.

1:33 convene new Board of Trustees to discuss next steps, all in attendance

- Formal election of officers; need to elect secretary and treasurer also
- May need to change language on treasurer needing to be member of church in the future, but not an issue right now
- Motion to accept Ivan as VP, ES as secretary, Lindsay as treasurer, Dennis as president
- RM moves to accept, RS second, all approve
- Board meetings still 3rd Tuesday of every month, except for July which will be the 2nd Tuesday of July. No June meeting on the calendar thus far.
- July retreat – Ex-officio members can attend but not required; no official minutes
- MD motion to adjourn, RM second, adjourn at 1:40