

UUFC Annual Meeting May 17, 2015

Meeting called to order at 12:45 pm.

Meeting opened with a slideshow of photos by Mina Carson; the business portion of the meeting began at 1:00 pm.

Bylaws Revision

- Presentation by President Kyle Jansson of proposed changes to Article 4
- Motion by Claudia Weintraub, seconded by Roberta Smith, to adopt the proposed changes to the bylaws.
- Discussion:
 - Bob Ozretiched moved, Bob Simmons seconded, that we consider the proposed changes article/section, one section at a time. Motion passed 62-33.
 - Discussion of several sections of the revised Article 4, clarifying terminology and discussing possible effects and interpretations of the revised Article 4, Section 1.1 in conjunction with the rest of the article.
 - Roberta Smith moved, Jesse Ford seconded, to move discussion to Section 2. Motion passed by majority vote.
 - Clarification: revised Article 4 uses the term “membership” rather than “voting membership.”
 - Report that attendance, at 123, was still short of the 129 people required for a superquorum. A superquorum is required to pass any changes to the bylaws.
 - Irving Dayton moved, Dodai Zecha seconded, that discussion of revised Article 4 be suspended in light of not having a superquorum. Passed by majority vote. Discussion tabled until the end of the meeting.

Slate of Officers for 2015-16

- Wendy Sutton presented the slate of officers for congregational vote.
- Slate approved by majority voice vote with one opposed.
- Brief recognition of Board members who are finishing their terms.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16

- Recognition of Tim Emery’s work as Treasurer and the work of the four person Interim Treasurer Team of Russ Karow, Carolyn Madsen, Alan Mix, and Claudia Keith.
- Presentation of the assets of the congregation and the draft congregational budget.
- Nick Houtman moved, Jeannie Ramsey seconded, that we adopt the proposed budget. Adopted with none opposed.

Divestment from Fossil Fuels

- Scott Bruslind presented the Investment Committee’s work to divest from fossil fuel investments.

- Investment Committee reports that we have a good endowment, a value of around half a million dollars that puts \$24000 back into congregation's annual budget. This is a solid endowment for a mature congregation.
- Susan Christie reported on her experience working with the Investment Committee on divestment. Collaboration has led to a workshop, to be offered at 2015 GA.

General Assembly

- Kyle Jansson briefly presented the UUFC delegates to the 2015 General Assembly: Kelley Kendall, Diana Vezmar-Bailey, Susan Christie, Jean Townes, Kathy Kopczyński, and Charlie Miller.
- One spot for a delegate remains; interested parties were asked to contact Kyle.

President's "State of the Fellowship"

- There have been many changes in the last 25-30 years, in technology, building structure, congregation size, and more. The congregation of the 1980s took on the risk and project of expanding the physical structure of the UUFC and found that the congregation's membership grew rapidly.
- The Board of Trustees this year took on the limitations of the current building and the congregation's needs and wants for future structures.
- A Board-appointed Future Structures Task Force produced a report, including some key findings: a growing congregational membership and insufficient congregational meeting space; an interest in sustainability; an insufficient parking lot; a need for more meeting space.
- From congregational input, the Board concluded that there is a strong desire to stay at this location. There is little agreement on specifics beyond that.
- Next steps: the Board will appoint a task force to determine what "staying here" means: this is likely to involve conversations, design charrettes, lengthy discussion with lots of different ideas and disagreement.
- Also needed is concrete fact finding about conditional use permits, parking requirements, what use of the rental house might be permitted.
- All are asked to consider: How can we improve our structures so that they better allow us to carry out our mission? How can we involve our neighbors in this? 16% of our congregation does not live in Corvallis; how can we make our structure more accessible to them? How can we make the structure more accessible to people of other cultures? How can our structures benefit our partners in Korispatak, Burundi and other places? What kind of structures help us be the best Unitarian Universalist congregation we can be?

Discussion of proposed bylaws revision resumes:

- Discussion of proposed Section 4.3 regarding removal of a person from membership.
- Discussion of a financial requirement for membership and policy for exceptions to this.
- Note that our bylaws are the governing document for us as a non-profit organization, which may sometimes be in tension with our nature as a religious organization. Bylaws are sometimes contradictory, and our current practices are not

always in compliance with our bylaws. Bylaws need to provide a clear definition for voting membership so that we can count voting members and determine what constitutes a quorum, how many delegates the UUA allows us, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm.