

EAST SHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
June 3, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Tiffany Griffith, Chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at noon. A quorum of the membership was declared present. Ron Prosek was appointed Parliamentarian, and Mary Bender substituted for Laura Solomon to take the Minutes. Kathleene Huntley was appointed timekeeper and monitor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR

Tiffany Griffith referred to her report in the Annual Report 2017-2018, and added that she was pleased to serve the church in this way. She thanked those who assisted her as Chair.

REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE DECEASED

The attendees observed a moment of silence to remember those who died during this past year: Rev. Peggy Clason, Margarete Heintz, Robert Horton, Linda Lekson, Clara Maurus, and James Rittenhouse.

REPORT OF THE MINISTER

Rev. Denis Paul referred to his full report on page 11 of the Annual Report. He added that this coming year we must work diligently on organic structure and engagement of members and friends in the activities of the church.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Halcyon Domanski's full report is on pages 20-21 of the Annual Report. She added that she is proud of the participation in the social justice activities such as Herps Alive. The project was able to fund a new generator for the creatures in the Herps Alive program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The full committee reports are available in the Annual Report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Amendment of Bylaws

Tim Ray spoke about the reasons for the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Refer to **Exhibit A**, which shows the proposed changes. Tiffany Griffith pointed out that the Board of Trustees spent considerable time on the changes during the year.

Bob Ross moved to approve the changes in total. The Motion failed for lack of a second.

Discussion ensued.

Dan Waite moved, and Dave Michel seconded a motion to reject the changes in total for now.

Discussion ensued. Dan's Motion passed with a large majority after approval of Joan McDermitt's motion to call the question (seconded by Shirley Hairston).

Motion was made by Joan McDermitt, seconded by Bob Ross, to approve the proposed changes to Bylaws except those pertaining to Human Resources and the one changing title of the Director of Religious Education. Marj Hill and Mary Bender raised a point of order that such a Motion is out of order because the Motion of Dan Waite to reject the changes in total was passed. Tiffany Griffith, Board Chair ruled in favor of the point of order, denying the Motion as out of order. Bree Bird pointed out that during discussion of Dan's Motion, someone stated that another Motion could be made to deal with part of the changes to the Bylaws, but Mary Bender stated that no amendment to Dan's Motion was made to allow that.

2. Mission Statement

Committee on Ministry, chaired by Dee Beacham, presented their proposed change to the Mission Statement and Covenant for East Shore. Refer to **Exhibit B**. Nancy Tozer moved to accept the changes to the Mission and Covenant statements as recommended by the Committee on Ministry. Shirley Hairston seconded the Motion. Discussion ensued. Rev. Denis Paul pointed out that if the Motion is approved, the terms for the Covenant will continue to develop over time, and essentially, the former Mission Statement will become the Covenant, and the new Mission Statement will be "Love, Revere, Discover, Connect. Shirley Hairston moved to call the question, seconded by Ruth Troup. The Motion to Call the Question passed with a large majority, then the Motion to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry passed with a large majority.

Minna Zelch then presented (modeled by Terry DeTar) a T-shirt designed to promote the new Mission Statement. A clipboard to order a shirt will be available in the Narthex for the next 2 weeks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dan Bond referred to his report on page 39 of the Annual Report. Cash flow has improved this fiscal year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Shirley Hairston explained the budget process. Input was sought from committee chairs; the Finance Committee put the budget together and made sure it balances. The proposed budget is based on anticipated income of \$179,938, and it is balanced. Shirley pointed out that the, "DO NOT USE" accounts in Powerchurch that continue to show funds, are carry-over glitches from prior bookkeeping years that are being corrected for this fiscal year. Shirley also pointed out that we have now fully repaid the loan from endowments.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

Ruth Troup moved to adopt the budget as presented in the Annual Report. Ross Hawson seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Barb Ropog, Chair of the Nominating Committee, explained that the Committee is recommending Dan Bond as Treasurer for a third term. This requires a 2/3 majority vote of the membership at a duly called meeting. Ruth Troup moved to accept Dan Bond as Treasurer for a third term as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Lynn Killgore seconded the Motion. It passed by more than a 2/3 majority. Eric Waldman moved that the Board of Trustees slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee be approved as shown on page 4 of the Annual Report. J.T. Hillen seconded the Motion. Discussion ensued. The Motion passed with a large majority. The following individuals were elected:

Board Chair: Bob Ross

Vice Chair: Julia Kotowski

Treasurer (third term): Dan Bond

Secretary (second term): Laura Solomon

Financial Secretary (second term): Mary Bender

Trustee at Large: Jared Hammond

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TREASURER

Shirley Hairston moved that Jerie Green be appointed Assistant Treasurer for another term. Joan McDermitt seconded the Motion. It passed with a large majority.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY DELEGATE

Ruth moved that Eric Waldman be approved as delegate to the Committee on Ministry. Bob Ross seconded the Motion. It passed with a large majority.

ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Tiffany Griffith asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Dan Bond moved to close the nominations with those recommended by the Nominating Committee. Dan's motion was seconded by Dave Michel, and it passed with a large majority. The proposed slate was voted on by paper ballots, counted by the Nominating Committee. The 3 people approved by the membership are: J.T. Hillen, Kelli Keyes, and Gayle Swain. J.T. Hillen shall be the chair during her second year.

ELECTION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHAIR

Barb Ropog pointed out that the Nominating Committee is making no recommendation on an R.E. Chair because Kristine Burkwood's two-year term is not yet completed. She has another year.

APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEW MEMBER

Tiffany Griffiths appointed Mary Stewart McGovern to serve for the Financial Review.

THANK YOU TESTIMONIALS

Many individuals put a great deal of work into the functioning of the church during the past year. Many were recognized for those efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Patrick McGovern moved to adjourn. Minna Zelch seconded the Motion. It passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bender for Laura Solomon