



ESUUC Annual Meeting, June 4, 2023, 12:00 noon

Kristine Burkwood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01pm. A quorum was present.

Reverend Will Humphrey offered the chalice lighting that invoked our vision to 'Love, Revere, Discover, and Connect'.

We observed a moment of silence for deceased members.

Minutes of the June 5, 2022, Annual Meeting were approved by the Board of Trustees on June 23, 2022, so no further action was taken.

Minutes of the December 17, 2022 Special Membership Meeting to call Reverend Will had yet to be approved. Marvin DeTar moved to approve the minutes as written and Bree Byrd seconded. During the discussion, Dan Bond said that approval of minutes is the role of the board, not the full membership. The motion failed, and Kristine Burkwood stated that the board will approve these minutes at the next board meeting.

Report of the Chair: Nothing to add to the printed report.

Report of the Minister: Reverend Will offered an apology that the Annual Report includes the rough draft of his intended report, but the content remains the same. He is very hopeful to help discern a unique space for our unique movement. He has established a goal of personally meeting everyone in the congregation by January 2024, and looks forward to hearing everyone's story. He offered a reminder that our Bond of Union continues to be a cornerstone of our community.

DRE Report: Halcyon Domanski thanked Bree Byrd, Kristine Burkwood, and Mary Mason for helping her survive the Clinical Pastoral Education program, and she is considering doing it again in the future.

Report of the Committees: Nothing to add to the printed report.

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business – Proposed Changes to the Bylaws. Each proposed amendment was voted on separately.

- Section 7.1.2 bylaws change that Members shall approve the minutes of the previous Meeting/Meetings of the Membership during the subsequent Annual Meeting. Mary Stewart-McGovern moved, and Patrick McGovern seconded to approve the motion as written. Discussion: Best practice is that it is done by the board, as soon as possible after the meeting in question so that the content of the meeting is fresh in everyone's minds. A contrary position is that other organizations have members approve minutes of a Membership meeting. One Member did not see

the 30-day advance notice of the proposed bylaws change, but it was sent in the Annual Meeting notice 30 days prior to the meeting. Another Member agreed that approval of minutes should be an administrative function. Marvin DeTar called the question, and Ruth Troup seconded. Motion to call the question passed. Discussion was terminated. **Motion to approve the amendment failed.**

- Section 7.4 bylaws change to allow electronic attendance at Membership meetings. Dan Bond moved, and Mary Mason seconded to approve the bylaws change as written. Discussion: We need more specifics on what ‘determine in advance’ means, regarding the language the ‘Board will determine in advance of each meeting whether electronic attendance is permitted’. 30 days? Electronic attendees DID count as quorum now that we have board meetings via zoom, so this is inconsistent. Might be hard to disallow online attendees to count toward quorum. Procedural question – how to modify the motion on the floor for the last line that states electronic attendance shall not count toward a quorum. **Ruth Troup moved to amend the motion as follows: Strike the word ‘not’ in the last line of the motion.** Joan McDermott seconded the move to amend. Dan Bond and Mary Mason who made the original motion accepted the amendments to the motion. Discussion continued. Annual Meeting in 2021 was virtual, and electronic attendees counted toward the quorum. NOTE – this motion is relevant to ALL membership meetings, be they Annual Meetings or Special Membership Meetings. This motion also enhances accessibility to all and helps us be more inclusive. **Motion to amend passes.** Joan McDermott called the question and Eric Waldman seconded. **Motion to approve the bylaws change as amended passes.**
- 7.5 bylaws change to allow electronic voting for membership meetings. Pat McGovern moved, and Marten Schreiber seconded, to pass the bylaws amendment as written. Note that the technology of virtual voting is still in process. Motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer: Comment from Dan Bond – when you approve a budget, this only means that expenditures in the budget may be paid by the Treasurer with no further action from the board or membership. The budget is not cast in stone. **Dan Bond moved and Dan Waite seconded to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed.**

Election of Board of Trustees: **Dan Bond moved and Marvin DeTar seconded to approve the board slate as presented. Motion passed unanimously.** Note that Kaaren Biggin will not finish the second year of her term as Trustee, so the board will appoint someone to fill that role.

Election of the Assistant Treasurer: **Dan Bond moved and Sue Borstein seconded to approve the Assistant Treasurer as written. Motion passed.**

Note that the 2023-24 Committee on Ministry will be the most recent Search Committee as written in our bylaws and written in the Annual Report.

Election of the Nominating Committee: Ballots were distributed, and two positions are to be elected. There were no floor nominations. The current Nominating Committee counted the ballots and reported the results. **Gayle Swaine and Diana Jackson were elected, with Gayle Swaine as chair in the second year of her term.**

Appointment of Financial Review team: Ruth Troup will fulfill her second year in this role as lead reviewer, and the board will appoint a second reviewer.

Thank You Testimonials: To Kristine Burkwood for navigating through a very 'interesting' term. BJ Roberts doing our taxes for 10 years pro bono while maintaining her longtime membership at East Shore. With BJ's retirement, we need a tax accountant. Marten Schreiber for his tireless efforts maintaining and improving our building and grounds. Jared Hammond, Halcyon Domanski, and choir for keeping us going these past years. Barb Ropog for helping Marten and Dan Bond for always being there. All the RE parents – especially those with younger children. You are cheerleaders of one another! Mary Bender for taking care of music library and choosing music. Laura Solomon for the auction that was well organized, full of fun choices, and very successful. Terry and Marvin DeTar for coffee hour and all their hard work nearly every week. Reverend Will for joining us without much time to get to know us. Patrick McGovern for being that face when we walk in! Patrick McGovern for the unthankful, unforgiving, and tedious work to complete an updated directory. Jared Hammond for making our online presence possible! To the east Shore community and other parents of small children for the welcome and space to join. Laura Solomon for the website and library. To the congregation for everyone's social justice support, especially Sue Borstein and Reverend Will. We are thrilled to be so active in Pride events. Halcyon Domanski for all she does for the community and RE. Minna Zelch for her leadership and guidance to ensure safety for our transgender kids. Kristine Burkwood notes that everyone has been a great support to her during her term as Chair. We are the reflection of love for this community.

Extinguishing the chalice: Reverend Will remarked that he has witnessed many church Annual Meetings and loved how we started with procedural needs to do the business of the church, but closed with gratitude for those who keep our community strong. He reminded us to take this community with us everywhere we go.

Adjournment: Ruth Troup moved to adjourn Mary Stewart-McGovern seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Tozer