

# First Universalist Church of Minneapolis

Annual Meeting of the Members

Sunday, June 5, 2016

## Minutes

### **I. Call to Order.**

President Cindy Marsh called the meeting to order. The secretary determined that, there being at least 97 credentialed members present, there was a quorum to transact business.

Revered Justin Schroeder lit the chalice and provided opening words.

President Marsh appointed Eric Cooperstein to serve as parliamentarian.

Upon a **MOTION** made and duly seconded, the membership voted to authorize the Board of Trustees to review and approve the minutes of the annual meeting.

### **II. Reports, Finance, and Capital Campaign.**

The Reverend Schroeder and President March reported on the successes of the past year.

Treasurer Dick Niemiec and Reverend Jen Crow reported on the budget recommended by the Board for approval by the membership, along with the introduction of the plans for a Comprehensive Stewardship Campaign during the 2016-17 church year.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Niemiec presented a **MOTION** for the membership to approve a loan of up to \$295,000 from the Legacy Fund to fund the comprehensive stewardship campaign with an annual interest rate of 4%. The Board of Trustees will approve all draws from the Legacy Fund and will ensure the loan will be repaid from the proceeds of the campaign before any funds are expended to cover the needs outlined in the campaign. The motion required no second.

Trustee Karin Wille presented a **MOTION** to that each person who wants to speak for or against the main motion or a subsidiary motion should be limited to two minutes, and that the total time for discussion of the main motion including subsidiary motions be limited to 20 minutes. The motion was duly seconded. The membership approved the motion.

After debate, the membership voted to approve Mr. Niemiec's motion.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Niemiec presented a **MOTION** for the membership to approve the recommended 2016-17 operating budget. The motion did not require a second.

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After debate, the membership voted to approve the 2016-17 church budget.

### **III. Nominations**

Due to the unexpected death of committee chair Pamela Vincent, Nominating Committee member David Lauth presented the nominees for the following church positions:

Board of Trustees Officers: Eric Cooperstein, President; Richard Spratt, Vice President; Dick Niemiec, Treasurer.

Trustees Approved for a second term: Cindy Marsh, Dick Niemiec.

New Board of Trustees Members: Christa Anders (also nominated for Secretary); Lillie Pang, and Caitlin Rodgers.

First Universalist Foundation Chair: Kristen Siegesmund.

Foundation Board Member: Channing McKinnely.

Nominating Committee Members: Pat Gottschalk, Suzanne Willhite.

Mr. Lauth moved each slate of nominees. President Marsh solicited nominations from the floor for each of the slates; no nominations were received from the floor. The membership vote to approve each slate of nominees.

The vacancy in the position of chair of the Nominating Committee will be addressed by the Board of Trustees at a future meeting, according to procedures set forth in the bylaws.

The Congregation elected several members to serve as delegates at the UUA General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio from June 23 to 27, 2016.

### **IV. Recognition of Outgoing Church Leaders**

Mr. Lauth recognized outgoing members of the nominating committee. Ms. Marsh recognized outgoing members of the Foundation Board and the Board of Trustees. Mr. Cooperstein recognized and thanked President Marsh for her year of service as President.

### **V. Adjournment**

Reverend Schroeder provided closing words. President Marsh entertained a motion to adjourn, which was moved and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting concluded within the time allotted for the meeting.