

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ASHEVILLE
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 5, 2016

Call to Order and Welcome by John Bates, **Chalice Lighting** by Rev. Mark Ward.

The Congregational Covenant was read in unison by all in attendance.

Meeting Conduct: Introduction of Parliamentarian, Greg Gregory and Process Observer, Michael Vavrek.

Verification of Quorum – Fifty-five members were needed for quorum. The quorum was met by 42 filing absentee ballots and 110 present for a total of 152.

Minutes of May 31, 2015 Annual Meeting and August 23, 2015 Special Meeting were approved.

State of the Congregation - Rev. Mark Ward provided a summary of his Annual Report.

Several areas of programming have had positive outcomes this past year

1. Small group ministry - 17 small groups have provided opportunities for member involvement.
2. Social justice has had a very strong program.
3. Religious education - visioning sessions planned with emphasis on moving to more multigenerational programming
4. Family faith support

Due to no significant increase in members for the past 5 years, and having operated on a deficit budget, the Board has approved a decrease in staff. Membership this past year was 578, with 110 friends. This year there were 563 members with 85 friends. In addition, 79 households found it necessary to decrease their pledge for the coming year.

Financial/Budget: Jim Steffe of the Finance Advisory Committee presented the 2015-16 budget projection for the end of the fiscal year and Linda Topp presented the proposed 2016-17 operating budget. The 2016-17 budget proposal was approved.

Project Mortgage Resolution-paper ballot, simple majority needed

Be it resolved that the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Asheville authorizes 1) the Board of Trustees to use \$40,000 from the Fund for the Future to apply to the Welcome Project Fund before August 25, 2016 and 2) the Congregation to accept a mortgage of no more than \$190,000 to be paid to the Asheville Savings Bank according to the terms of the loan.

The vote was 138 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention. The measure passed.

Congregational Resolution-paper ballot, simple majority needed.

Be it resolved that the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Of Asheville 1) affirms unequivocally our support of the UUA Action of Immediate Witness to "Support the Black Lives Matter" movement. 2) commits to educating ourselves about and deepening our understanding of White Privilege and oppressive systems; and 3) commits to partnering with local organizations to harness the power of love to combat racism and oppression at all levels within our communities.

The vote was 134 yes, 2 no and 7 abstentions. The Resolution passed.

Leadership Development Report - Gay Lambirth

Election of Board of Trustees:

Nominated: Kay Aler-Maida (one-year term), Kate Hartnett, Bruce Larson and Diane Martin. These members were elected.

Officers, who are selected by the Board at its first meeting of the year, will be:

President - Kay Aler-Maida, Vice President - Kate Hartnett, Clerk - Dale Wachowiak.

Election of Leadership Development Committee:

Nominated: James Schall (one-year term), Sarah Hartnett and Kristi Miller.

These members were elected.

Recognition of Lay Leaders completing their terms by John Bates

Carol Shultheis, Shel Altschul, Martha Kiger, John Bates (retiring from the Board).

Installation of Elected Lay Leaders

Process Observer's Report

Adjournment

Submitted by Carol Shultheis, Clerk