Minutes of the 2024 UUFD Annual Meeting – December 8, 2024

A service preceded the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Board President, Marian Maciej-Hiner

List of attendees is attached, below the minutes.

The 2023 Annual Meeting minutes were unanimously approved

Treasurer's report: Jerry Guenther

Summary: Proposed budget $45,000 (detailed in the annual report) up $5,000 from last year. The increase is due to the cleaning bill, each week for the church and soon to be added cleaning the Emerson house. It is no longer part of the facilities cost but listed has its own line item now. $2,500 increase for the Program Committee, primarily to bring in special services. Also $1,000 more in ministerial services. Reductions: $1,000 less in paying our annual dues, because of a new formula for determining congregational dues to UUA. Also: about $496,000 in tax credits are now expected. Hopefully to be received in the next few months. The tax credits will pay off the balance of our building rehabilitation loan.

The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

(The Board has moved to a consensus model, only using Motions when something needs to be documented.)

Committee goals for 2025 will be shared at a later date.

Marian thanked all the board members, the committees, the leaders, the teams.

She reflected on the major accomplishments by committees, teams, etc., as collaborative efforts between people, partners, and unexpected opportunities. She noted that there is a cohesiveness of momentum, that we are focusing on our congregational life: we welcomed 11 new members, held our first congregational retreat. Leadership was expanded from board, to committees, groups, leadership team and now congregation. Individuals have contributed much as well (Julie D – Book of Souls readings, Alyssa Z – Morning Roots, Pam K-D – Easy Reader discussions, etc.) The technical team members transitioned from Zoom during Covid, working with an integrated AV system that supports events, hearing aids, etc.

Building restoration projects: building rehab, ceiling restoration.

Outreach: UUUU goes to nursing homes, etc.

Next, Marian led a gratitude exchange activity: both expressing gratitude and receiving gratitude. Marian passed out gratitude cards as prompts for discussion of gratitude. 5-7 minutes to share with a partner.

The slate of nominations for Board was presented, and as there were no additional nominations, the slate was approved unanimously by acclamation. Diane Baker was thanked for her board participation, and she responded that it was an honor. Anne Benda accepted the nomination and election to the board by acclamation.

Linda Ressler talked about committee membership and invited everyone to participate on a committee. She asked everyone to consider how they might best serve on a committee. Everyone can contribute something to a committee.

UUA General Assembly will be in June in Baltimore MD.

UUFD Congregational Retreat will be planned for some time in September 2025.

Survey of classes: Michele Grove has offered a few options for Adult Religious Exploration classes to the UUFD. RE Committee Chair Cyndi L passed out copies of the list of offerings for people to rank and give feedback to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Closing circle

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ressler
Board Secretary

Those in attendance:

Diane Baker
Jean Becker
Anne Benda
Bob Dunn
Nino Erba
Bonnie Garrity
Calvin Catch
Barbara Gatch
Tom Griep
Gail Guenther
Jerry Guenther
Katie Heil
Karen Kascel
Pam Kress-Dunn
JoEllen Langerman
Cyndi Lawton
Maureen Leytem
Marian Maciej-Hiner
Sandra Nickel
Frank Potter
Dick Pouzar
Tam Prenosil
Craig Reber
Amy Ressler
Linda Ressler
Merilyn Tommaro
Katherine Tully
Ed Zaccaro
Sara Zaccaro
Alyssa Zasada