

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Michigan Annual Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2017, immediately following the service

1. Gisela Moffit moved and Annette seconded to accept this slate of nominees to fill the positions open for terms beginning July 1, 2017: President elect: Mary Alsager (3 year: leads to president and past president) Secretary: Brigitte Bechtold (2 year term) Trustee: Joyce Henricks (2 year term) Trustee: Ethan Kolek (1 year term)

Motion passed

2. Mary Alsager moved and Scott Daigle seconded to accept the budget as presented. Chris Bailey, treasurer, explained the two small additions to the budget proposal approved by the congregation in February – to the minister's discretionary fund and to miscellaneous and supplies (for new worship service materials called Soul Matters). Laura announced that the pledge drive total was ~\$107,250, \$6250 above our proposed budget. Members of the congregation suggested uses for the additional money – see list at the end of the minutes.

Motion passed

3. Annette Pratt moved and Jen Prout seconded to accept the by-law changes as presented. Scott Daigle explained that the changes simply reflect the language necessary to implement the endowment that was approved by the congregation at a previous meeting.

Motion passed

4. President Laura McBride briefly explained the annual report and encouraged people to read it to better understand the operation of the church.

5. Laura led the volunteer recognition for 2016-2017. After having people raise their hands if they had participated in a number of categories that she mentioned, she announced that the Board had also decided to recognize several members and friends for their ongoing contributions to the life of the church – Norma Bailey, Liz Dealing, James Hatcher, Kris Los, Beth Macleod, Gisela Moffit and Terrie Robbie.

6. Laura announced that our UUFCM delegates to the General Assembly (our votes) would be Dawn Daniels and Annette Pratt.

7. Sela Damer-Daigle explained her senior project to provide resources for Syrian refugees and invited people to view her video and donate.

Ideas suggested for use of our extra money this year!

- Repaint the fellowship hall, kitchen, door, etc.
- Provide leadership development to more of our members
- Landscape the building, especially on the Wisconsin side
- Purchase books for our adult RE that would be available to members and friends
- Put more money into the endowment
- Create a labyrinth or garden on the library side of the building
- Expand our transgender work
- Repair the stained glass window on the front (University) side of the building
- Fix/redesign the front porch
- Provide new video capacity
- Buy more chairs for the sanctuary – the same kind that we have now but with arms
- Create a poster with pictures of how our space can be used for potential renters
- Provide a sound system for hearing-impaired members and friends
- Provide a speaker system in the nursery for our baby holders during service

Laura suggested that we put a building team together to prioritize these items for implementation.