

UUFCM Annual Meeting

May 16, 2021

11:20 A.M. via Zoom

Proposed Minutes

Welcoming Comments: Guy Newland

Voting will be electronic, after the meeting, and be for members only. Voting will remain open for 3 days following the Annual Meeting. Each candidate and each bylaw will be voted for individually.

1. Slate of positions for the fiscal years 2021-2022:

President-elect: Stacey Pattison

Two-year trustee: Cynthia Damer

One-year trustee: Jodi Fisher

Secretary (two-year term): Elaine Emerick

Motion from Board to hold electronic balloting on the individual candidates on the slate put forward by the Nominating Committee. Mary Alsager seconded.

2. Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year:

Motion from Board to hold electronic balloting on the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as presented. James Moreno seconded.

In response to Joyce Hendricks question about Drew's compensation as listed in the budget, Guy explained that due to Drew's partner's employment, we no longer need to pay for her health insurance.

We have a budget that is a few thousand dollars less than currently pledged to allow for unforeseen circumstances.

3. Proposed bylaws changes:

Motion from Board to hold electronic balloting on the individual bylaw modification proposals as presented. Mary Alsager seconded.

Article 5: There was no discussion on Article 5.

Article 9: There was discussion on the difference between the two proposals for Article 9.

Article 11: There was discussion asking if this language was supported by the UUMA.

Article 16: There was no discussion on Article 16.

Article 17: There was no discussion on Article 17, simply one comment appreciating the work of the Board.

There was significant discussion on the new article (without a name) proposed. One person spoke in favor, several people spoke in opposition, and Chris Bailey shared a presentation delineating the Committee on Shared Ministry's reasoning about the proposed bylaw. Their stance is that the proposed bylaw should not be adopted.

4. Annual report:

Guy shared that copies of the annual report will be sent by email to all members and friends. This is a compendium of reports from the staff, the Board, and the teams. Guy highlighted that this year the Fellowship has shown growth, adding 14 new members and donations increased by 30% through fulfillment of pledges. And, we called a minister!

5. Recognize members of the board: Guy extended thanks to the outgoing Board members whose terms are ending in June: Carol Rard, Brigitte Bechtold, Aaron Jones, and Mel Bailey.

6. Recognition of Volunteers: Guy recognized two volunteers for outstanding contributions this year: Sally Armstrong for chairing the new Communications Committee and Cynthia Damer for the technical work creating a choir performance for each Zoom worship service.

7. General Assembly:

Carol Rard and Jim Dealing will be our voting delegates at the General Assembly at the end of June.

8. Voting:

Ballots will be sent out electronically to all members this afternoon and voting will be open for three days. Results will be announced on Thursday afternoon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.