

**FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
June 12, 2016**

- I. A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order at 11:30 PM.
- II. Tellers: Roberta and Ken Buckle, Jan Gartner, Glenn Koch, Sydney Sutherland
- III. Approval of the Social Justice Grants Panel Recommendations – Marilyn Roché
  - A. The Wenger Grant is awarded to a local program to support international friendship and understanding.
    - 1. This year \$2,500 was awarded to Gates Presbyterian Church for support of Guatemala Partners.
      - a. The grant will fund a visit of four Guatemalan staff members to Rochester to meet with area farmers.
  - B. The Social Justice Grants panel awarded \$3,000 to the Gandhi Institute to hire six high school students who will receive non-violent training over the summer and \$3,000 to Resolve to expand their domestic violence work to help another 150 people.
- IV. Election of Officers
  - A. President of the Congregation – Barbara deLeeuw
  - B. Moderator – Nancy Wesson
  - C. Treasurer – Anne Perry
  - D. Slate for the Board of Trustees – **Winners** are in bold .
    - Tim Farnum**
    - Cathy Reda-Cheplowitz
    - John Solberg**
    - Ira Srole
    - John Steepy
    - Paul Suwijn**
  - E. Leadership Nominating Committee
    - Irene Burnet**
    - Janice Hargrave**
    - Julie Sanchez
- V. Approval of the Church Budget
  - A. Barbara deLeeuw did an introduction of the budget with a slide presentation and a list of the many topics that were discussed appears below.
    - 1. Rev. Joel Miller’s package.
    - 2. Rev. Kaaren Anderson’s severance package.
    - 3. Our relationship with the UU church in Canandaigua (UUCC).
    - 4. The Sharkey fund draw and readjustment of the interest amount because the Sharkey money was used and not put in the endowment.
    - 5. Building maintenance and building expenses.

6. All music activities will appear on one budget line not on several as in previous budgets.
    - a. Orange Sky will be initially funded for 4 months.
  7. In the budget, district dues remain the same as last year and denominational dues are down which is unfortunate as we would not have gotten through this year without help from the UUA.
    - a. If we get more money in this canvass, restoring our UUA dues to the proper amount will be one of our priorities.
  8. Processing fees for charges by using credit cards to pay pledges.
  9. The deaf interrupters have not been funded for next year.
  10. Ministerial coverage is at  $2\frac{3}{4}$  with Joel and an assistant minister at full time and Tina  $\frac{3}{4}$  for at least at the beginning of church year.
- B. Topics brought up by the congregation are below.
1. Ministerial severance.
  2. The common fund.
  3. An explanation of the formula used to determine the dues to the district and the UUA.
  4. Any consideration of eliminating the Saturday service?
  5. No independent audit was done this year but a review will happen next year.
  6. The Sharkey Fund was explained.
  7. The UniUni situation was explained.
  8. The intern at UUCC will be paid for by them.
  9. Volunteer roles at our church.
  10. Social Justice coordinator.
  11. Annual budget drive for 2016-2017.
  12. Volunteer fair.
  13. The newsletter will come out when Carol Ann is back.
  14. What can we do now?
    - a. Pay up your pledge for this year.
    - b. Increase your pledge for next year.
  15. Property Maintenance Fund.
 

**Motion: Combine into one line in the budget the Property Maintenance Fund and the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund.**

    - a. **The motion was seconded and passed.**
  16. Update on the work on the roof.
  17. Where is the interest for amount paid for severance?
    - a. Severance payments are paid out over the year as a salary payment would have been.
- C. **Motion: To adopt the 2016-2017 church budget that was presented.**
- a. **Motion was seconded and passed.**

VI. Barbara thanked the outgoing board members John Dancy, Ira Srole, Jane Tuttle and the financial advisor committee to the board (FATBOD).

1. She welcomed the newly elected board members and members of the Leadership and Nominating committee.

- VII. Open Mike.
- A. Nancy Brush said the CCC (Congregants for Constructive Change) needed some recognition and talked negatively about policy governance.
  - B. John Rasor discussed his conflict with the board.
- VIII. Retiring moderator Caleb Shulman was thanked and at 1:23 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Friedman, clerk