

Congregational Annual Meeting Minutes  
In the Sanctuary April 28, 2024

President Vic Elam called the meeting to order at 11:48 am in the Sanctuary.  
Secretary, Nancy Luthy, reported a quorum of 30 eligible voters was met.

Secretary, Nancy Luthy, presented the minutes from the April 2023 Annual Meeting.  
Dawn Hewitt moved to approve the minutes. Al Tuttle 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Don Poole presented the proposed budget. (Attached to these minutes)  
Susan Mills moved to accept the YF 2024-2025 budget as presented. Kate McDaniel 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

George Banziger, Nominating Committee Chair, nominated Darryl Ting and Shari Ballantyne to serve on the Board of Trustees. John Kidd moved to approve the nominations. Ron Rees 2nd the motion. Motion Passed.

Ron Rees moved to approve Diana Bonnell to serve on the Committee on Ministries. Shari Ballantyne 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Rev. Kat gave her Minister's Report. She expressed gratitude for her time on Sabbatical and then explained the need for flexible hours during her remaining two months on part-time Sabbatical. She is optimistic that the FUUSM family can create a "new story." She is hopeful that we can all work together for greater outreach.

Ron Rees discussed his work toward a safer Congregation, including resources from UUA's "Safe Congregations" program. He commended Roger Kalter for his continued vigilance to address safety issues. Roger is very knowledgeable and conscientious. As we move forward, vulnerabilities with Child Care, Building Care, Medical Emergencies and other issues will receive the necessary equipment and training to make our members and property safer.

- Buildings and Grounds will perform routine inspections.
- There is a lot of work to be done and much help is needed. Please contact Ron at [rrees501@hotmail.com](mailto:rrees501@hotmail.com)

Committee Reports were then presented: (Written reports had been sent prior to the meeting and are available in the Church Office)

- Board of Trust Governors - John Kidd
- Finance Committee - George Banziger  
Pledge Drive: \$113,025

George encouraged members to include an annual pledge to FUUSM in their wills

Linda Lawton: "If you are receiving **Required Minimum Distributions** from your IRA you can use those IRA distributions to make your Pledge contributions Federal tax free if you wish. Just contact your IRA plan custodian and get information for how to do a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** made out to FUUSM for your pledge. You will also have to remind your tax preparer to account for this properly on your Federal Income taxes."

- Worship and Music - Martha McGovern
- Green Sanctuary - Dawn Hewitt

- Caring Committee - Cathy Rees
- Committee on Ministries - Kate McDaniel
- Building and Grounds - Al Tuttle  
If you are a handyman - please volunteer to help this Committee
- Membership - Elaine Barr  
NEED NEW MEMBERS
- Board of Trustees - Vic Elam

General Assembly:

- Karen Binkley moved Rebecca Phillips to be a delegate to GA. Kate McDaniel 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- Shari Ballantyne moved Ted Geortzel to be a delegate to GA. Lori Fahn 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

GRAND SERVICE AWARD: MARTHA McGOVERN

Items for the good of the Society:

- Ted Goertzel had submitted a motion; "FUUSM renews its support for the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism and asks our representatives to the UUA General Assembly to vote to retain them." Gary Hamilton 2nd the motion.
- Discussion resulted in a new motion.
- Ted withdrew his original motion. Gary withdrew his 2nd.
- Kate moved that FUUSM hold two dialogue sessions in the next few weeks to share information and discussion regarding the Article II (UUA Bylaws), the amendment to replace the Seven Principles. Then an email vote would be taken from the entire FUUSM Congregation to give direction to our delegates. Dawn Hewitt 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Rev. Kat extinguished the Chalice Light.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Luthy, Secretary