

**All Faiths Unitarian Congregation
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
March 21, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Ramay, chair of the Board of Governors. Joyce explained that the meeting would have two parts; the first, during the service to vote on new officers and board members, and then a short break to be followed by the remainder of business to be covered, including the Audit Report.

Elections: Bill Benyak, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the candidates:
Chairperson, Ed Kleinow
Vice Chairperson, Carol Siferd
Governors: Elizabeth Cramer, Craig Heller and Lisa Leonhardt.

There were no additional nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the nominees and the members unanimously approved the motion. These new members of the Board of Governors will serve two-year terms.

Brief break

2009 Meeting Minutes Highlights were read by Susan Stocker, secretary, and a motion was made to approve, was seconded and carried to accept the minutes with no corrections.

The Finance Committee was represented by Ed Kleinow, chairperson, who thanked Joyce for her hard work and extraordinary dedication as Chairperson during the past four years. Finance Chairman Ed Kleinow gave an update on our financial position, and appreciated the generous support of our members for our Capital Fund, and continuing contributions for our General Fund for paying our bills.

The Capital Fund, reported by Ed, has had great success and additional funds are still coming in. We raised all we needed for the down payment and initial improvements. Further amounts are coming in for landscaping, signs, new windows, painting and the new deck. Approximately \$6,000 above original pledges for the Capital Fund have been received.

The Operating Budget has improved with the enthusiasm of members with the purchasing the property on McGregor. Last year we had a rather low level of donations, but this year has shown increases. In the annual fund raising letter, Ed included an insert suggesting specific areas of needs such as the mortgage, music, and other normal expense items. Ed reported an immediate response from several members as a result of this appeal and he encouraged members to respond to the request to make additional specific contributions to cover operating expenses in 2010..

The Auditor's Report was given by Lyle Olson. Lyle mentioned that Ed had covered much of what was in the audit, and that there were no irregularities found by the auditor. In 2009 there was a small net loss of \$6700, but that things were looking more optimistic now. The 2010 budget is \$180,000 and there is a 15-20% gap between donations made last year and this year's budget, which is hoped will be taken care of with larger

donations from the congregation. If anyone would like a copy of the audit, they can contact Regina Kilmartin at the office. He appreciated the work of our Office Manager and Finance Committee in implementing his recommendations for improving our financial policies and procedures. Lyle was commended by Joyce for instituting an operating reserve which has helped us in the recession and lower regular donations.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: Evelyn Evans, Carol Elrod, David Hauenstein, and David Morgan were praised for their expertise, hard work and willingness to take on any task.

The Mission Statement was presented by Kay Riegler, who explained the process by which it was created by the committee members. Discussion was opened to the floor, with Lloyd Fish asking about the word “welcoming” in the mission statement, possibly being misleading. Wayne Robinson explained that it has specific connotations within UUA, and would not be construed as misleading. A Motion was made by Evelyn Evans to accept the mission statement, and it was seconded and unanimously approved by members of the congregation. The mission statement reads:

“All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is a welcoming, caring community seeking diversity, practicing openness and encouraging personal and spiritual growth. We are working toward a just, free, peaceful and compassionate world.”

Other business:

Joyce Ramay expressed appreciation for the work of Ann and Joe Batal at the Strategic Planning Session which coincided with our purchase of our new home, and facilitated the establishment of our many task forces. She thanked Kay Riegler for being the overall coordinator of these task forces, David Smith for heading up the building improvements, and all the many people who have contributed their money, time, ideas and labor to enable us to have a beautiful new home at 2756 McGregor Boulevard, where services will begin March 28th.

In order to maximize the benefits of having our own building, a new Programs committee has been established with Lloyd Fish and Robert Bennett as Co-Chairs. This committee will work to coordinate new programs and possible rentals. David Morgan has drafted a proposed rental policy.

Looking towards the future, a new UUA Task Force is being organized with Robert Anderson as Chair. They will investigate steps and procedures for us to take in our consideration of being associated with UUA. Any decision to affiliate would be subject to a vote of the members of the congregation.

Services at 2756 McGregor : Members were reminded that next week we would begin with two services : 9 a.m. First service, with RE

10 a.m. Adult classes in sanctuary and social hour

11 a.m. Second service- no child care

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Stocker,
Secretary