

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO

MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MAY 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Howard at 12:35.

I. Mary reviewed the agenda and a motion was made by Jack Davidson, seconded by Taylor Carey to approve the agenda. There was unanimous approval.

II. The minutes of the last congregational meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Mary Howard thanked those in attendance for taking part in the democratic process. She expressed her appreciation to those who have helped her these past two years in her term of office: Jan Dennis, Marcia Kilian, Kate Throop, Dave McMorris, Terry Throop and Doug Kraft and Lyn Cox. She thanked the board members leaving: Steve Chiginsky, Steve Hoverman, and Aggie Vawter.

IV. Constitutional Changes:

1. Article V, Meetings, Section 3 (Notice) – A motion was made by James Yankauer, seconded by Linda Klein to approve the proposed changes. (see attached). It was unanimously approved, no abstentions.

2. Article V. Meetings, Section 4 (Quorum) – Anna Andrews made a motion, seconded by Tracy Kindler, to approve this proposed change. (see attached) – It was approved by the majority with some nays, no abstentions.

7. Article VII, Governance, Section 6: Regarding the term of treasurer, Tina Stedman made a motion, seconded by David Navarro, that this proposed change be approved. (see attached detail) Unanimously approved.

3. Article VI. Elections, Section 3 (Nomination by Petition). Motion by Pete Martineau, Seconded by Taylor Carey, that the proposed change be approved. It was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

6. Article VII, Governance, Section 2 (Board of Trustees Established). A motion was made by Jack Davidson, seconded by Catherine Young to approve the change regarding the Treasurer “may” rather than “will” be chair of the Finance Committee. A motion to make further changes was withdrawn by Anna Andrews, because constitutional changes need advance notice. **This Article may be considered again at the October Congregational meeting.** Motion to approve the proposed change was approved unanimously.

5. & 8. Article VII, Governance, Section 2 and Article VII, Section 8 – adding a youth member to the Board of Trustees. Rich Howard moved and Dave Navarro seconded a motion to approve the constitutional change proposed. The motion was approved unanimously, no abstentions.

The youth member of the board was introduced, Alice McMillan Lopes. The possibility of an alternate was discussed and **may be considered in the next congregational meeting.**

9. Article XIII. Fiscal Procedures, Section 5 (Authority to Incur Financial Obligations). It was moved by Alice Meiser, seconded by Carol McKenzie that the proposed constitutional change be approved. The motion passed by a majority voice vote, with some nays, no abstentions.

V. ELECTION

Candidates for the Board of Trustees, Members at Large, introduced themselves and spoke briefly. Those candidates running for Board of Trustees, program Council, Nominating Committee, Endowment/Trust and Communication Facilitation were introduced, if present. Voting took place and ballots were collected for counting.

VI. Treasurer's Report and VII. 2006-07 budget

Terry Throop, acting chair of the Finance Committee, gave a Power Point presentation (see attached) about the history of UUSS finances, the reasons for our current financial situation, what has been done and possible choices for closing the gap between income and expenses. The proposed 06-07 budget contains a deficit of \$43,034. Terry discussed the changes in income and expenses from this fiscal year (see green handout attached).

Some possibilities to close the gap are: Use \$23,000 in Campbell funds designated for roof project, for debt service; Use \$11,000 in capital set-aside fund for debt service; find another \$10,000 to close the gap
Possibilities could include raising lunch fees with no free lunches, use excess funds in rental deposit accounts.
Other possibilities include increase from contributions, decrease expenses (not viable); or consider disposing of assets.

Celine Walker proposed that \$5,000 from the Betty Ch'maj bequest be transferred to general funds. She will contact the forum committee to see if they are in agreement.

Barbara Amberson suggested that each member pay their own UUA and PCD dues.

Mary Howard summarized and said that the choice for the congregation is to accept the deficit budget as presented and authorize the board of trustees to use temporary restricted funds to cover the shortfall. The congregation will be notified of the board action in the Unigram or through a special mailing.

Jeane Davidson moved that the deficit budget be approved and the board of trustees be authorized to use their judgment in the use of reserve funds to reduce the deficit. Celine Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a majority voice vote with two nays, no abstentions.

VII. MINISTER'S REPORT:

Doug Kraft spoke about the current search for Education Minister and the challenges we face with fewer candidates available and the UUSS salary package being low. He spoke also of the need to address the issue of growth—whether the congregation wants to grow or not. Without efforts toward growth we are likely to shrink. He also spoke of the need to find ways for people to be generous with UUSS, not just through their pledges.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary, Virginia Dunstan