



**UUSS Congregational Meeting - via Zoom and in-person  
Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 11:45am**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome — Andy Cramer, Board of Trustees Vice-President
2. Establish Quorum— Andy Cramer
3. Invocation and Chalice Lighting
4. Review agenda and meeting procedures — Andy Cramer
5. Approve May 2024 Congregational meeting minutes
6. President's Report — Andy Cramer
7. Treasurer's Report — Victoria Owens
8. Ministers Report—Rev. Lucy Bunch and Dr. Rev. Roger Jones
9. Program Council Report — Sean Fountain, Program Council
10. Community Partners New Process Proposal- SJCC
11. Community Partners new process vote
12. UUSS Unsung Hero Award — Beth TenPas, Program Council
13. Closing



## UUSS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### Minutes

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:45 am, via Zoom and in person

**Welcome**—Anara Guard, Board of Trustees President, welcomed members and guests.

A quorum of members was established.

Rosemary Dodd, ministerial intern, gave the invocation for chalice lighting. Minutes from the October 2023 Congregational Meeting were approved.

**President's Report**— Anara reminded us that four years ago we held this meeting entirely online, each sequestered in our own home. Now we enjoy one another's company not only during Sunday service but throughout UUSS activities. She touched on some highlights of the past six months, among them the Meadow Project, installing automatic door openers, and our Solar Project. The Meadow and Solar Projects will be dedicated on June 21<sup>st</sup>. She thanked APMC, volunteers and donors for making those happen. She celebrated that the Auction Committee planned a very successful auction and that our ministers got to take Sabbaticals this year. She noted that we have put into practice greater transparency of leadership through the Meet and Greet with PC, and our shared leadership message. She thanked Tina Chiginsky for her years of service. Big thanks to outgoing board members Denis Edgren, Hally Cahssai and Jed Shapiro and thanks for the Nominating Committee and their hard work.

**Candidates for Office, Elections** —Marion Randall from Nominating Committee thanked the outgoing leaders from Board of Trustees (BOT), Endowment Trust, Nominating Committee and Program Council. She then introduced the slate of candidates for the upcoming church year:

- Vice President, BOT – Andy Cramer
- Member at Large, BOT – Dawn Huebner
- Member at Large, BOT – Janet Lopes
- Member at Large, BOT – Sally Wilkins – Incumbent
- Treasurer, BOT - Victoria Owens – Incumbent
- Endowment Trust – Molly Stuart
- Nominating Committee - Michel O'Neill
- Nominating Committee – Cassie Wilkins
- Nominating Committee – Marion Randall – Incumbent
- Nominating Committee – Karen Sparrow – Incumbent
- Program Council – Jim Glidden
- Program Council – Joyce Ownbey – Incumbent
- Program Council – Jon Peterson – Incumbent

Celia Buckley made a motion to approve the candidates for office, Karen Sparrow seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

**Budget Approval**—Victoria Owens, Treasurer, reported a successful stewardship campaign that gave the congregation the ability to give staff compensation increases. The increases were significant although not enough to get them to the UUA recommended minimums. She noted that our rentals revenue is down and she called for volunteers to market our rentals. Contact Krystal in the office for detailed information on rentals. She shared and explained

our Expenses and Revenues with pie charts and tables and answered members' questions. She then presented the Budget for the 2023/24 church fiscal year. Terrie Taylor made a motion to approve it. Janet Lopes seconded. Budget was approved, with none opposed.

**Ministers' Report**—Rev. Roger Jones reported on the many successful activities that have taken place over the last six months including Your UU Journey, Orientations, and Exploring UUism. He noted that there have been new members joining our congregation and we now have 380 adult members plus 70 pledging friends. He reported that the ministry goals to maintain and enrich our community during the sabbatical year have been going well. He reported on the activities of the music staff, a growing choir, Religious Education and Family ministry led by Crystal Fountain, Yvette and Tiya, and office and custodial staff. Very successful fundraising activities included the Auction Event and fundraising for our Refugee Afghan Families. Thanks to all the volunteers that make this happen. Regarding the Pledge Drive, he noted that some large donors have moved away or passed but that many members have increased their pledges, with an average increase over 12%, with some doubling or tripling their pledge. Rosemary Dodd, ministerial intern, reported that the Soul Matters groups finished another successful year, and shared that the Social Justice Coordinating Council has been working for almost a year to coordinate groups engaged in direct action and advocacy in our communities, as well as strengthening partnerships with community groups. Caring and support is now available from the Caring Committee as well as the pastoral visit team. We have two new identity-based groups – POC group and the Young Adult group. And for Easter Sunday, we raised money for the Nisenan Land Return project.

**Program Council Report**—Tina Chiginsky-Lawrence explained what Program Council (PC) does, including working with more than 40 program groups. She announced a change in the Unsung Hero process: PC will ask Unsung Heros from past years to recommend persons for PC's consideration. Tina gave a slide presentation on how to use the *Get Connected* section of the UUSS website to find information about groups and volunteer opportunities.

**Closing** – Rosemary Dodd read the closing and the chalice was extinguished.