

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF CENTRE COUNTY

May 18, 2008

Approved November 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Lois Durran at 11:45 pm. Lois confirmed that we had a quorum of 51 members present. Mark Hayes lit the chalice.

Approval of minutes. The minutes of the Mid-year Congregational Meeting on Nov. 4, 2007 were approved. (Andy Richards made the motion. Marian Dornell seconded.) The minutes from the special congregational meeting January 20, 2007 were approved. (Bill Richards made the motion. Art Goldschmidt seconded.)

Election of Officers and Trustees. Elaine Jurs presented the slate of nominees:

Officers

President-Elect (3 year term):	Helen Volz
Secretary (two year term):	Jan Wuest

Trustees

Term to expire 2011:	Stevie Rocco
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The Treasurer position remains open after the recent decision by Ken Riznyk to step down after three years (during the transition to the new governance structure). John Schmidt announced that Peter Jurs (who was not present) was willing to fill in as Treasurer for the remaining year of Ken's current term, but our current Rules of Procedure do not allow a nomination from the floor unless the nominee is in attendance. A two-thirds majority vote is needed to change the Rules of Procedure. Ron Smith moved to change our Rules of Procedure to allow a nomination from the floor without the presence of the nominee. Marian Dornell seconded Ron's motion. The motion carried by over 2/3 majority vote. John Schmidt nominated Peter Jurs as Treasurer. Peter Jurs was added to the slate as the nominee for Treasurer. Lois Durran opened the floor to other nominations. Ron Smith moved that the nominations be closed. Marian Dornell seconded. The motion carried. Dan Moerdyk moved that we approve the slate as presented. Bev Henshaw seconded. The motion carried unanimously John gave a brief "State of the Fellowship" report. Appreciation was expressed to those stepping down from Board service at this time: Bob Newnham, Wayne Osgood, Paula Ralph, Ken Riznyk and Arian Zarkower.

Program Council Representatives. John Schmidt presented the nominees for Program Council Representatives (two year terms):

Ken Riznyk	Social Action
Michal Stump	Communications
Peg Dobrinska	Property
Barb Hunziker	Religious Education
Ruth Anne Miller	Sunday Service

Bev Henshaw

Community Life

The Youth Representative position is currently vacant and will be filled in the fall. Helen Volz moved to close the nominations. Maren Larson seconded. The motion carried. The membership unanimously approved the slate of nominees as presented. Stepping down as Program Council Representatives are Bob Newnham, Allison Becker, Jane Richey and Andrea Hendershot. John Schmidt reminded us that Helen Volz, as President Elect, will serve as Chair of the Program Council. Lois Durran thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their good work.

Approval of budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Ken Riznyk thanked the other members of the Finance Committee and praised the work of the Stewardship Committee and the new process for establishing the base budget and dream budgeting process. Ken reviewed the financial strengths and challenges we currently face. (See his written report in the agenda packet.) Nancy Davis moved to accept the proposed fiscal year 2008-09 budget. Jan Wuest seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Proposed Changes to By-law 2 Purpose and By-law 3 Membership. The proposal to change the By-laws concerning membership and our non-discrimination policy was included in the agenda packet and in the newsletter prior to this meeting. Members have had many opportunities for review and input since the January 20th meeting where these changes were first presented. Andy Richards moved to approve the changes to By-laws 2 and 3 as presented. Mathew Karasik seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Lois Durran thanked everyone who worked on this proposal – the Membership Committee and two task force committees - over the last few years.

State of the Fellowship Report. John Schmidt gave a brief review of how our new governance structure works, especially the new roles of the Board Liaison Trustees. The Program Council is now responsible for the oversight of the budgets and spending for programs and activities. Anyone organizing a fundraiser should also be in communication with the Stewardship Committee. John then answered questions from the floor.

Lois Durran welcomed the new Officers, Trustees and Program Council Representatives and thanked the exiting Board and Program Council Members for their service to the Fellowship. Two books have been donated to the UUFCC library with the names of the retiring Board members and Program Council members in the book plates. Lois Durran passed the gavel to John Schmidt, who then became the new President.

Lois Durran extinguished the chalice. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ralph
Board Secretary