

First Universalist Church of Minneapolis 150th Annual Meeting of Members

Sunday, June 7 2009, 11:15 AM

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action, if any</u>
Call to Order	Sue Schiess		12:18
Chalice Lighting/Opening Words	Rev. Charlotte Cowtan		
Appointment of Parliamentarian		Carol Johnson	Appointed
Adoption of Agenda	Sue Schiess		Adopted
Authorization of Board of Trustees to Approve Annual Meeting Minutes	Sue Schiess		Approved
Senior Minister's Report	Rev. Charlotte Cowtan	Rev. Cowtan's remarks reiterated her written report in the Annual Report, In addition, she called First Universalist the healthiest, most fun, most resilient congregation she has worked in. When she came to us, we were faced with incredible challenges: the departure of Frank Rivas, and a shortage of financial resources. The congregation kept its community together and found what it needed. The congregation has stayed in touch with who we are and who we are called to be and has made a good choice in the new Senior Minister we have called.	
Treasurer's Report	Jill Andersen	We have a healthy financial outlook even in these trying economic times. Although our portfolio has suffered substantial unrealized losses, unless we need to tap into our reserves, they remain unrealized. Because this congregation gives freely of their time, talent, and treasures we have successfully navigated the economic downturn. Our staff has managed to trim \$75k-75,000 from the 2008-2009 budget through prudent management and without having to cut staff or eliminate or reduce any programming. We expect to finish the current fiscal year in the black.	
Presentation of Recommended Budget for 09-10 Vote to Approve Budget	Rev. Charlotte Cowtan	Rev. Cowtan presented a brief PowerPoint summary of the proposed budget for 2009-2010. More detailed review of the budget has been offered in three previous sessions for congregants. The proposed budget is printed in the Annual Report.	Approved
Vote to Ordain Justin Schroeder	Sue Schiess	Because our new Senior Minister has not yet been ordained, he would like to combine his Ordination ceremony with his Installation as Senior Minister in the fall. This requires a vote of the congregation.	Approved

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Presentation of Proposed Changes to Bylaws Vote to Approve Bylaw Changes	Sue Schiess (substituting for Barry Johnson)	The proposed changes to First Universalist Bylaws were published in the Annual Report. The proposed changes were addressed by topic and the congregation voted for each topic separately. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lifetime membership can be conferred by the Board. 2. Budgeting authority remains with the membership, even though this is not the normal practice under Policy Governance. 3. The principal place of worship cannot be sold without a vote of the members. 4. Changes to Bylaws related to Trustees, nominations, in Section III. 5. Changes to the roles of the officers of the Board. 6. Miscellaneous changes in formatting of the document. 	All proposed changes approved.
Report of Nominating Committee	Judy Goebel (standing in for Barry Johnson, Eric Cooperstein, Narissa Bach.	Judy thanked Bill Elwood and Sue Schiess, who are leaving the Board of Trustees for their service as Trustees and as Presidents of the Congregation. Eric thanked Victoria Schannen for her service a Foundation Director. Narissa thanked David Lauth for his service on the Nominating Committee.	
Election of Trustees		Kathy Coskran and Nancy Gaschott were nominated by the Nominating Committee. Jerry Machalek nominated himself from the floor. A vote by secret ballot was taken.	Kathy Coskran and Nancy Gaschott elected.
Election of Officers		The following candidates were recommended by the Nominating Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barry Johnson – President • Doug Smalley – Vice President • Nancy Gaschott – Treasurer • Judy Goebel - Secretary 	All candidates elected
Election of Directors of the Foundation		The following candidates were recommended by the Nominating Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Cooperstein – Chair • Gary Melom - Director • Joe Gabrielson - Director 	All candidates elected
Election of Nominating Committee		The following candidates were recommended by the Nominating Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Marsh • Ginny McAninch 	Both candidates elected
Election of Delegates to the 2009 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association		The slate of delegates is published in the Annual Report. This slate includes church members who are attending General Assembly, and unused delegate spots were assigned to Trustees who will be able to cast absentee ballots.	Approved

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President's Report	Sue Schiess	Sue noted that few churches celebrate a 150 th anniversary. While we are still in the midst of our anniversary year, the events and activities thus far have been outstanding. Sue led the members in extending special thanks to the Sesquicentennial committee and to the Ministerial Search Committee. Additional comments can be found in the President's Report in the Annual Report.	
GO GREEN Raffle Drawing	Patti Frazee with Sue Schiess drawing tickets	Patti extended thanks to volunteers who sold 2400 raffle tickets and made it possible for First Universalist to balance its budget for 2009-10. Below are the winners and their prizes: 2009 Prius: Carol Johnson Honda Scooter: David Kremer Valencia Bicycle: Richard Jaeger Marathon Sports Gift Certificate: Doug Hicks State Fair Gift Basket: Renee Milstein	
Closing Words	Rev. Kate		
Adjourn			12:27

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Goebel
 Secretary

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Members Attending

John Addington	Judith Goebel	Richard Olson
Sofia Ali	Ray Goebel	Nora Page
Betsy Allis	Julie Gottesleben	Betsy Peregoy
Christa Anders	Larry Gottschalk	Elizabeth Permar
Jill Andersen	Pat Gottschalk	Jean Peterson
Cheryl Anderson	Jane Hallas	Steven Protzman
Janice Anderson	Laura Harpestad	Cheryl Reiswig
Lawrence Anderson	Dan Hasty	Paul Reiswig
Catherine Apostle	Kenneth Heidelberg	Gratia Reynolds
Dave Arnold	Ruth Heidelberg	Byron Richard
Ruth Arnold	Douglas Hicks	Paul Riedesel
Nancy Atchison	Patrick Higgins	Mark Ritchie
Thomas Atchison	Carol Hiniker	Allan Roadfeldt
Roberta Avidor	Ann Hobbs	Sylvia Rudolph
David Bach	Howard Hobbs	Jim Santelli
Narissa Strong Bach	Julie Howard	Sherry Saterstrom
Timothy Balke	Janice Hunton	Tom Saterstrom
Pamela Barry	Heidi Jaeger	Victoria Schannen
Umesh Berry	Richard Jaeger	Sue Schiess
Marion Bauer	Welcome Jerde	Theresa Schroer
Robert Benjamin	Carol Johnson	Dale Schwie
Daniel Berg	Corky Johnson	Craig Schultz
Martha Bird	Jane Johnson	Jennifer Schuster
George Boody	Karen Johnson	Gerald Semmler
Nancy Browne	Lyle Johnson	Rebecca Shockley
Chris Burda	Nancy Johnston	Lisa Sinclair
Philip Burke	David Juncker	Doug Smalley
David Caccamo	Gertrude Juncker	Sara Smalley
Elsa Carpenter	Dimitra Karras	Sheri Smith
Joyce Case	Paul Kloth	Mary Sorensen
Karen Chandler	Jeni Klotz	Scott Sponheim
Doug Christiano	Heather Koser	Allen Steinhauer
Kelli Clement	Donna Kurimay	Kathy Steinhauer
Ben Cooper	David Lauth	Jim Sutherland
Laura Cooper	Jeff Lee	Joyce Sutherland
Eric Cooperstein	Betty Lia-Hoagberg	Jeff Sylvestre
Charles Coskran	Harlan Limpert	Deborah Talen
Kathleen Coskran	Kim Lund	Polly Talen
Kathy Coult	Tom MacLeod	Tami Tapani
Carol Lynn Courtney	Cynthia Marsh	Jennifer J. Thomas
Lauren Culbert	Jerry Machalek	Lindsey Thomas
John Cummins	Candace McClenahan	Terri Thompson-Havig
Lois Dean	Beetsy McMillan	Joy Throm
Connie Diercks	Sara McMullen	Shelley Thron
Catherine Dorr	Peg Meier	Bill Turek
Sydney Dunitz	Barb Melom	Charles Turner
Helen Ellenbecker	Gary Melom	Barbara VanNorman
William Elwood	Caroline Mills	Pamela Vincent
Nancy Erickson	Dennis Mills	Velma Wagner-Adams
Robert Estes	Hannah Mitchell	Marcia Wattson
Meredith Falley	Carolyn Moe	Kathy Wasson
Paul Falley	Jo Montie	Mary Weeks
Rita Franchette	Lisa Nadeau	Paige Weinbarger
Bob Friedman	Cecelia Newton	Robbie Weisel
Nancy Gaschott	Marie Nordberg	Lark Weller
Carol Gilbert	Mary Novak	Tali Weller

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Barbara Whipple
Jessica Wicks
Jason Wiley
Jean Bay Wiley
Karen Wills
Judith Wright
Ralph Wyman