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 Congregational Meeting Minutes June 3, 2007

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Welcome, Chalice Lighting

Jason Hill, the president of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

Jason Hill invited Rev. Bill Breeden and Rev. Mary Ann Macklin to the pulpit for the chalice lighting. The ministers invited Chris Clothier, our out-going Board past-president, to light the chalice.

Introduce Parliamentarian

Jason Hill introduced Guy Loftman as parliamentarian.

Establish a quorum

Dorothy Sowell, with the assistance of Jan Skinner, Bobbi Lahre, and Chris Clothier, established the quorum. 117 members signed in for the meeting. 40 members were needed for a quorum.

VOTE: Approval of April 22, 2007 Special Congregational Minutes

MOTION: Steve Dillon moved that we approve the minutes as submitted.

2nd: Jack King

VOTE: passed unanimously

VOTE: Approval of motion for Board to approve minutes of June 3, 2007

Congregational Meeting

MOTION: Lloyd Orr moved that the Board be allowed to approve the minutes from this meeting.

2nd: Steve Dillon

VOTE: passed unanimously

Committee Reports:

Shaping our Future Together Committee (SOFT)

Melinda Swenson reported that this committee has no chair and is working as a committee of the whole. The SOFT Committee is using the process of Appreciative Inquiry to identify provocative proposals which the congregation may choose as long-range goals.

Sabbatical Committee

Andrew Appel reported that our church did not receive the Lilly Grant which would have supplemented our finances during Rev. Macklin's sabbatical, August 1st through mid-December. Andrew Appel explained that the Sabbatical Committee was not relying on the Lilly Grant. Rev. Barbara Child will provide pulpit service as well as Adult Religious Education service. The proposed annual budget has an increase in time and wages for the Campus Ministry Coordinator while Rev. Macklin is gone. The annual budget also reflects an increase in the replenishment rate of sabbatical funds in preparation for Rev. Breeden's sabbatical opportunity in 2009.

Governance Committee

Jan Skinner reported that the Governance Committee is looking at our current governance structure and at models of governance for large churches. The Governance Committee will bring a recommendation to the congregation at next year's Congregational Meeting.

VOTE: 25% Plate recipient for FY 2007-2008

Three groups were on the ballot: Bloomington Area Birth Services, Martha's House, and Sycamore Land Trust Environmental Education Program.

Jan Skinner, Bobbi Lahre, Chris Clothier, and Karen Jewel distributed ballots.

Rev. Breeden, Rev. Macklin, and Chris Clothier counted the ballots.

The first vote was not a clear majority, so there was a second vote between Martha's House and Sycamore Land Trust Environmental Education Program.

Martha's House was voted the 25% Plate recipient for FY 2007-2008. Iris Kiesling thanked everyone for their support of Martha's House.

VOTE: Continue Green Sanctuary Accreditation Process

Marcia Veldman presented a historical summary of the Green Sanctuary Task Force's work.

MOTION: Marcia Veldman presented this motion on behalf of the Green Sanctuary Task Force: We, as members of the Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Church

of Bloomington, Indiana, having completed our Green Sanctuary Action Plan, authorize the Green Sanctuary Committee in coordination with the Church Administration to submit an application to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth requesting that they accredit our church as a Green Sanctuary,

1. Understand that the action-plan we have completed is a beginning of the Church's work to integrate environmental awareness, sustainable practices, and environmental justice in our church community, our personal lives, and our wider communities, and
2. Plan to continue the work that needs to be done, until Earth herself is once again a healthy Sanctuary for all.

2nd: Iris Kielsing

VOTE: passed unanimously

Jan Skinner and Patricia Coleman will accept the church's accreditation at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly.

VOTE: Slate of Candidates (brought by nominating committee)

MOTION: Since the slate of candidates was not published in the Prologue 10 days before the Congregational Meeting, John Crosby moved that we suspend the rules of normal operation in bylaw 5.8 for the purposes of this meeting.

2nd: Ruellen Fessenbecker

Guy Loftman, parliamentarian, noted that if no one objects then we don't have to suspend the bylaws. Candidates were posted 5 days before the meeting. John Crosby objected so we continued with the vote.

VOTE: passed unanimously

Jason Hill read the list of nominees. Iris Kiesling requested that the nominees stand. Guy Loftman, parliamentarian, noted that we needed to ask for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Guy Loftman moved that we accept the slate by acclamation.

2nd: Jack King

VOTE: passed with 1 abstention, Shari Woodbury

GK Rowe had been omitted as Vice President on the slate of nominees.

MOTION: Harlan Lewis moved that we approve the slate of nominees as completed with GK Rowe as Vice President.

2nd: Elizabeth Lion

VOTE: passed unanimously

VOTE: Approve FY 2007-2008 Operating Budget

Lloyd Orr presented the proposed budget.

MOTION: Harlan Lewis moved that we approve the budget as presented.

2nd: Bob DeVoe

Jan Skinner called the question since there was no discussion.

VOTE: passed unanimously

Lee Strickholm, as a member of the Finance Committee, introduced a motion from the floor.

MOTION: Lee Strickholm moved that we approve that the following additions to the 2007-08 expenditure budget may be authorized by the Board to the extent that revenues become available to cover them by June 29, 2007 (the revenues will be added to the revenue budget)

Aesthetics	\$100
Conference Support	\$500
1% added to salaried employee compensation	<u>\$2,426</u>
	\$3,026

2nd: Libby DeVoe

Lloyd Orr explained that the budget needed to be balanced because of our low reserves. Jason Hill asked about pro-rating for each fund if we didn't get the full amount. Phil Cooper and Libby DeVoe agreed with pro-rating.

Lee Strickholm and Libby DeVoe accepted pro-rating as a friendly amendment: to pro-rate expenditure budget according to revenue income

VOTE: passed unanimously

VOTE: Suggested reorganization of Social Justice Grant Funding

Jackie Hall, chair of the Social Justice Steering Committee (SJSC), presented a historical summary of the Social Justice Funds that had been established through the Capital Campaign. Deb Hutton, new voluntary chair of the Special Purposes Fund (SPF), spoke on behalf of the SPF Committee as co-proposers of this reorganization.

There was much discussion which included:

- Large Grant Fund B requiring congregational vote
- complications with two committees involved
- clarification ... grant content to SJSC, then SJSC recommendation to SPF; proposal for Fund B to congregation, then back to SPF
- more money for social justice projects in the long run
- better management of money with this plan
- Leonard Lundin Memorial Fund stipulations

MOTION: Claire Robertson moved that we approve the suggested reorganization of Social Justice Grant Funding --

The members of the Social Justice Steering Committee and the Special Purposes Fund Committee (SPF) recommend the following changes in the funds currently under their authority:

1. Merge "Building Social Justice Fund C" (currently a T account) with SPF's "Lundin Social Justice Endowment," the resulting fund to be named "The Lundin Social Justice Endowment Fund."
2. Transfer "Building Social Justice Fund A" and "Building Social Justice Fund B" (currently T accounts) to SPF, where they will be renamed "Social Justice Small Grant Fund A" and "Social Justice Large Grant Fund B."

3. The income that has accrued to date in the existing SPF Lundin Endowment Income Fund will be transferred to the new Social Justice Large Grant Fund B.

4. Future income from the newly formed Lundin Social Justice Endowment Fund will be divided evenly between the new Social Justice Small Grant Fund A and Social Justice Large Grant Fund B.

2nd: Steve Dillon

VOTE: passed unanimously

Awards

Rev. Breeden and Rev. Macklin presented Outstanding Service Awards to -- Steve Krahnke and Dan Lodge-Rigal as music directors for the Woodie Guthrie Musical. Anne Haynes and Carol Parks as organizers for Chalice Circles.

Thank You to Retiring Board Members

Jason Hill thanked retiring Board members Chris Clothier, Past President, Dorothy Sowell, Secretary, and Dick Hiatt, member-at-large.

Ministers' Remarks

Rev. Breeden and Rev. Macklin offered closing words. Rev. Macklin also reminded us that Stefan Jonasson, Large Church Consultant, would be here in February and that the Large Church Conference would be in Louisville, KY in March.

Adjourn to Picnic

MOTION: Steve Dillon moved that the meeting be adjourned.

2nd: Guy Loftman

VOTE: passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm. Everyone was invited to the congregational picnic provided by the Sabbatical Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Sowell
Secretary