

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Congregational Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2016

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Submitted by Ann LeDuc, Secretary

Call to Order Kathleen Sideli

Call to order by Kathleen Sideli, President, at 1:06 PM

Introduction of Parliamentarian, Guy Loftman

Chalice lighting

Changes to the agenda: None

Overview of the Agenda

Kathleen Sideli reviewed the agenda.

Overview of Ministerial Search Abby Gitlitz and Amy Taylor

Members of the Ministerial Search Committee reviewed the search process starting with the retirement of Reverend Bill Breeden. This included:

- Gathering information from the congregation to determine what qualities the congregation would like in the new Associate Minister.
- Creating a congregational record and website, detailing every aspect of the church, for dissemination to ministers that may be interested in the position.
- Reviewing applications of interested ministers.
- Conducting phone interviews.
- Meeting in person with candidates.
- Traveling to hear candidates preach.
- Discussing candidates with Reverend Macklin to determine her support.

Reverend McNeill was the clear top candidate, with enthusiastic support from the committee and Reverend Macklin.

Although, church Bylaw 6.1 requires an 80% favorable vote of the assembled members to call a minister, Reverend McNeill will not accept the position with less than a 90% favorable vote.

If there is not a 90% favorable vote to call Reverend McNeill, the entire search process will start over from the beginning with a new committee.

Motion to call Reverend Scott McNeill as Associate Minister

Motion by the Ministerial Search Committee: Should the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington call the Reverend Scott McNeill as its Associate Minister?

Seconded by Steve Dillon.

Quorum Report

Bylaw 3.6 requires one third of the total membership be present to constitute a quorum at a meeting to appoint a minister.

There are currently 474 members of the church. One third of all members is 158. 254 members were in attendance.

Kathy Sideli, Board President thanked the search committee for their work.

Motion for the board to approve congregational minutes at a future board meeting

Motion by Harlan Lewis: to approve the congregational minutes at a future board meeting.

Seconded by Wayne Holmes.

Vote: approved unanimously.

Vote on calling of Associate Minister

Before the meeting, church members received ballots upon signing in and verification of membership by the board.

Ballots stated:

“Should the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington call the Reverend Scott McNeill as its Associate Minister?

Circle only ONE response: YES NO”

Attendees circled Yes or No on their ballot. Ballots were collected.

Votes were tabulated by members of the Board of Directors.

Announcement of Vote Results

There were 248 “Yes” votes and 5 “No” votes, resulting in a 98% approval of Reverend McNeill as the new Associate Minister.

Reverend Macklin shared her excitement and feeling of connectedness with Reverend McNeill.

Abby Gitlitz, MSC Chair, called Reverend McNeill and let him know of the 98% approval.

Adjournment 1:42 PM

Motion by Steve Dillon: to adjourn.

Seconded by Harv Hegarty.

Vote: approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.



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Church of Bloomington


Special Congregational Meeting
For purposes of voting to call
Rev. McNeill as Associate Minister

1 - 2pm
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Agenda

- **1:00 pm** Call to order, Introduction of Board Members (Kathleen Sideli)
- **1:05 Agenda and Voting Process**
- **1:10 Overview of Ministerial Search**
- **1:20 Quorum Report**
- Motion by MSC: Vote on calling of Associate Minister
- Motion: For board to approve congregational minutes at a future board meeting
- 1:45 Announcement of vote results
- 1:50 Motion to Adjourn

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Call to Order
By President Kathleen Sideli


Introduction of Parliamentarian
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Kathleen Sideli

**MEETING AGENDA AND VOTING
PROCESS**

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Meeting Agenda

- Overview of voting process (Board)
- Overview of search (MSC)
- Quorum Report (Board)
- Motion to Call (MSC)
- Vote taken
- Board counts votes and report results.
- Adjourn

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Voting Process

- Will vote after quorum (33% == 158) established and motion made by MSC.
- Each Member should have one ballot.
- Circle "Yes" to vote to call or "No" to vote not to call.
- Fold ballot and place in basket when passed.

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Vote Results

- Board will count votes and report results.
- Bylaws require 80% of cast votes to be “Yes” for call.
- But we expect anything less than 95% not to be accepted by the candidate.

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Questions?

- Do all members have a ballot?
- Any questions about the voting process?

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Ministerial Search Committee

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Quorum Report

At-large Directors

- Quorum is 158
- Bylaw 3.6 Quorum: “Ten percent (10%) of the membership of the Church shall constitute a quorum, except that one third of the total membership shall always be necessary to constitute a quorum at a meeting at which the appointment or dismissal of a Minister(s) is to be determined.”
- Membership, as of today: 475.

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MOTION:

CONGREGATION TO CALL REV. SCOTT MCNEILL TO JOIN UUCB AS AN ASSOCIATE MINISTER

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Thank you to the MSC



Michelle Monroe-Cook, Mary Boutain, Stuart Yoak, Abby Giltitz, Amy Taylor, Craig Coley, Barb Backler

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**MOTION: BOARD TO APPROVE
MEETING MINUTES AT A FUTURE
BOARD MEETING**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTE
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MOTION TO ADJOURN

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