

June 2, 2019

**MINUTES of the 2019 ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING of The First  
Unitarian Society of Westchester  
First Unitarian Congregational Church of Yonkers, NY**

- President Greg Shunick, VP Art Lowenstein, Treasurer Bill Reynolds, Secretary Kevin Weber, Betsy Kates and Rob Politzer Peggy Clarke, were present. Tracy Breneman, Jane Lawrence not present.
- Greg called the meeting to order and asked for order of business to be accepted by acclamation.
- Paul Gross & Sue McAnanama were chosen as inspectors of elections by acclamation.
- A motion to accept the minutes from June 3, 2018 annual corporate meeting was made by Kevin Weber, and seconded by Sue McAnanama. All approved. No abstentions. A 55-page report was made available to the congregation, with committee reports.

Reports to the Congregation

- **Greg Shunick** summarized his president's report (copies available) "It was a dynamic year". Dynamic meaning major changes including loss of Minister, Director of Religious Education, the loss of Jim Haines, Bob Kinney, Bob Caronia, Margaret Utzinger, and William McAvoy.
- **Rev. Peggy Clarke** asked if there were any questions for her, and as there were none, she left the meeting.
- **Bill Reynolds, treasurer** gave the financial report and submitted the new budget for consideration. One Major change was the idea of dropping our flood insurance which costs \$13k. There was a lively discussion of pros and cons of considering this with the importance of keeping a reserve for

dealing with floods in the future, possible flood prevention techniques, and making sure this “windfall” from not paying the insurance premium was earmarked and reserved.

- Motion to cancel our flood insurance as of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 was made by Rob Carroll, and seconded by Art Lowenstein. The congregation approved the motion.
- **The 2019-2020 budget was approved.**
- A search committee has been formed for filling the job of minister.
- Our new staff relations committee advertised for a 15 hours per week on site administrator. 8 candidates were interviewed and Rina Schunk was hired and began on May 31, 2019.
- Next motion was submitted by John Scheuneman for a proposed change in the by-laws. It was seconded by Susan Greenberg.

“Let it therefore be resolved that provision **Article V section 7** of our bylaws be changed to read as follows: “Officers and trustees elected at annual meeting shall assume the positions to which they have been elected at the close of mtg., ***except that a newly-elected treasurer shall take office on July 1 and the outgoing treasurer shall remain responsible for all duties of the office for the rest of the fiscal year, including end of year financial reports***”. After some discussion on the practicality of this, the vote was taken and passed. The bylaws will be edited to incorporate this change.

- The Nominating Committee’s report was presented by Paul Gross. They presented the following candidates to the Congregation for the Board of Trustees: Paul Gross nominated the slate, and Sarita Roy seconded the nomination. Motion carried. The newly elected Board of Trustees is:

- Craig Butler, President, 1-year term
  - Art Lowenstein, Vice President, 1-year term
  - Susan Greenberg, Treasurer, 1-year term
  - Sue McAnanama, Secretary, 1-year term
  - Jane Lawrence, Trustee, 1 year remaining
  - Rob Politzer, Trustee, 1 year remaining
  - Betsy Kates, Trustee, 3 years
- The election of the Nominating Committee (1-year term)
    - Paul Gross
    - Sarita Roy
    - Charlie Wiecha
  - A motion to approve three members of the nominating committee was approved. 2 more members will be chosen by the Board, and Pedro Maymi has agreed to stay on if chosen.

*At 1:30pm Kevin Weber, Secretary, had to leave the meeting, and Sue McAnanama, incoming Secretary took over the minute taking...*

## New Business

- Rob Carroll made a motion to dedicate the funds from the UUA sponsored “Wake Now Our Vision” 10% match to “flood related measures.” After discussion, the motion was modified to provide that, as surplus funds are realized that would otherwise have been used for flood insurance premiums, such funds should replace the WNOV funds, which should in turn be transferred to the Wolman Fund. The discussion was brief and the motion passed.
- The Search Committee reported that two video interviews were held with potential candidates for our ½ time minister position, but no offer was made to either candidate.
- At this time of transition, we will focus on Summer Services, Caring Committee, and Pulpit Committee over the summer. Please sign up for what you will be working on.

- The Parking Lot will be resurfaced next week.
- Re: the budget, in answer to a question, Susan G reiterated that the budget approved was an aggregate budget, and single line items are fluid.
- A motion was made to acknowledge the fluidity of the individual line items within the budget just passed; that it is the aggregated amounts in each budget category that are to be monitored.  
Moved, seconded, the motion passed.
- Art Lowenstein paid tribute to the Board members who persevered through some rough issues, and thanked Greg Shunick, Irene Jong, Jane Lawrence, Rob Politzer, and Bill Reynolds for their service and dedication. And then the Congregation thanked Art, for his.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gross, and seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:59pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kevin Weber, Board Secretary 2018-2019

Sue McAnanama, Board Secretary 2019-2020

June 9, 2019