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**FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY of WESTCHESTER**

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**THE SPECIAL CORPORATE MEETING  
OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF WESTCHESTER  
(THE FIRST UNITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF  
YONKERS, NY)**

**October 16, 2022, immediately following the service**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

*(Majority of those online OK'd the recording of the meeting)*

**1. Chalice lighting, thanks to Future Committee, and Call to Order**

**Review of voter qualifications**

**Declaration of a quorum:** so declared, 41 counted by Art Lowenstein and Connie Kehoe

**Adoption of order of business:** called to order by Diane Guernsey

**2. Choice of 2 Inspectors of Election:** Art Lowenstein and Richard Slade were nominated; both seconded by Connie Kehoe, carried unanimously

**3. \*Report to the Congregation from the Board and the Future Committee and presentation and voting on Resolutions**

**\*Resolution 1: Resolved: That FUSW will remain independent, remaining in our long-established service area of southwestern Westchester, and focus on growth.**

**Motion:** Denise Woodin

**Seconded:** Pedro Maymi

**Discussion**

**Vote:** Motion passed by acclamation

**\*Resolution 2: Resolved: That the Board will appoint a Real Estate Committee charged with:**

**1) working with a realtor to explore the inventory and cost of appropriate rental properties in our service area, given the congregation's expressed requirements of such a space;**

**2) gathering information about terms and conditions related to such a lease;**

**3) reporting its preliminary findings to the Board of Trustees by December 1.**

**Motion:** Bobby Rouch

**Seconded:** Adelaide DiGiorgi

**Discussion**

**Vote:** Motion passed by acclamation

**\*Resolution 3: Resolved: That the Board will appoint a Leadership Committee charged with proposing a plan for our ministerial leadership. As part of its work, the committee will:**

- 1) consult with Arlin Roy about his goals regarding his ministry;**
- 2) consider concerns expressed during congregational discussions;**
- 3) include congregational growth as part of any new leader's priorities;**
- 4) explore the different possibilities enumerated above, which include a shared ministry;**
- 5) examine our congregation's record of growth under part- and full-time ministry to consider the impact of a minister's time commitment on membership growth;**
- 6) reach out to the UUA for support in expediting a search and/or funding the cost of leadership;**
- 7) report its plan to the Board of Trustees by January 3, 2023.**

**Motion:** Lisa deMauro

**Seconded:** Brenda Caronia

**Discussion**

**Vote:** Motion passed by acclamation

**\*Resolution 4: Resolved: That the Board will appoint a Financial Planning Subcommittee of the Finance Committee that is charged with:**

- 1) proposing a method for managing our financial assets (including how investment decisions will be made and reported to the congregation and how the funds will be safeguarded);
- 2) modeling of financial statements for the three to five years following the end of the current church year based on information from the Real Estate Committee and the Leadership Committee, plus assumptions regarding membership growth and investment returns;
- 3) proposing a much longer-term plan for creating an endowment fund whose purpose is to fund the purchase of a new home and to support the social action goals of the congregation;
- 4) reporting its work to the Board of Trustees by February 1, 2023.

**\*4. Approval of the process of appointing committees:** That members interested in serving on one of these committees shall indicate their interest to the Nominating Committee who will forward recommendations to the board. Doris Staubi and Paul Gross of the Nominating Committee have agreed to receive the applicants for the committees.

**Motion:** Kevin Weber

**Seconded:** Sarita Roy

**Discussion**

**Vote:** Motion passed by acclamation

**\* Mechanism for forming committees:** The board proposes that members who have an interest in joining committees should let the nominating committee know of their interest. Doris Staubi and Paul Gross will be the point contact people for this purpose.

**Closing remarks by Diane.**

**5. Adjourn:** Gary Trosclair moved to adjourn, seconded by Richard.

**Chalice extinguishing by Arlin at 12:02 PM**