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# Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

## Approved Minutes of the December 13, 2009 Congregational Meeting

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**Call to order** by G.K. Rowe, President, at 4:06 PM

**Chalice Lighting and Reading** by Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

G.K. Rowe introduced Guy Loftman as Parliamentarian.

## Reports

### Governance Review

G.K. Rowe presented the attached overview of the role of the board in the Policy Governance model recently adopted by the church.

### Quorum Report

Chis Haynes, Secretary, reported a quorum of 50 members in attendance (43 required) at 4:20.

## **Motion: Approval of Minutes**

The Board is empowered to approve minutes of this meeting at a future Board meeting.

Moved by Guy Loftman, second by Steve Dillon Vote: approved by acclamation

## **Motion: Naming of the Kitchen**

Jean Knowlton presented background on the tremendous contributions that Walt and Tomy Owens made to the church.

For these and many other reasons it is moved that our kitchen be named after Walt and Tomy Owens.

Moved by Jean Knowlton, second by Dorris Whittenberger.

Vote: approved unanimously

## **Reports continued**

### **Management team**

Reverend Macklin reported on the necessity for Policy Governance as the church grows. We are already benefiting with "Less hoops and fewer cracks," in the words of Carol Marks. Adopting this model takes time and presents many challenges and some frustrations, but will allow us to "fly more smoothly." When asked whether the new management responsibilities made her job more time consuming, Reverend Macklin reported that when the transition realignment was made it should not be more time consuming, but rather gives the Management Team authority to go with responsibility they already had.

Carol Marks read her poem "Governance structure change presents challenges."

### **Program Team**

Jackie Hall reported on the membership, mission and activities of the Program Team. See the attached report. John Woodcock was thanked for his service, as he shortly leaves the Program Team.

### **Nominating Committee**

Jan Skinner reported as chair of the Nominating Committee that they have informed the Board that a title such as "Leadership Development" would be more suitable for the committee. Job descriptions are needed for committees, chairs, and committee members. Other members of the Committee are Harriet Pfister, Becky Wagner, and Julia Dadds. Membership Coordinator Judy Bennett serves ex-officio.

### **Treasurer**

John Lawson, treasurer, thanked all members for speeding pledge payments, and the Program Team

for assistance in drawing up the budget. He reported the church has plenty of cash now, with a balance of about \$53,000, with income in balance with expenses.

## Green Spaces Initiative

Cynthia Port reported a consulting company known informally as JWA has been retained to help plan for the fund raising process to enable a variety of church improvements and maintenance. A \$14,400 grant has been obtained for a feasibility survey. Those selected for an interview will be notified shortly and interviews scheduled in January, with results expected in March. Suggestions are welcome from all members.

## Ministers

Reverend Macklin expressed great pleasure that we now have Vision and Mission statements. The Breakthrough Congregation recognition was exciting. Thanks to Judy Bennett for her service as Membership Coordinator. The new database has great promise. Amy Taylor is now on our denominational District Board.

Reverend Breeden reported his readiness to get back into things upon his return from a sabbatical in which we were never out of his heart.

## Standing on the Side of Love and Denominational Affairs

Reverend Macklin reported on the big "Standing on the Side of Love" banner borrowed from the district that was on display.

Iris Kiesling reported for the Denominational Affairs Committee that our congregation was represented by a full delegation at the last few Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assemblies. Other activities of the committee were reported, such as the mock forum for the UUA presidential election.

## Closing Words

Reverend Breeden and Reverend Macklin offered closing words of thanks.

## Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Jan Skinner

Vote: approved by acclamation

**The meeting adjourned at 5:19**