

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Approved Special Congregational Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2017

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Submitted by Ann LeDuc

Call to Order Von Welch

Call to order by Von Welch, President, at 5:32 PM

Introduction of Parliamentarian Jack King

Chalice lighting Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Scott McNeill

Overview of Sanctuary Congregation Reverend McNeill and Reverend Macklin

Reverend Macklin spoke about the importance of community in this post-truth era, and shared her appreciation for the fact-finding process leading up to the special congregational meeting.

Reverend McNeill spoke about the history of churches as sanctuaries and what it means to be a Sanctuary Congregation.

Questions and Comments

Many questions and comments were asked by members of the congregation. Questions included topics such as how members of the congregation could assist someone who is living in the church, outside organizations that are supportive of our church being a Sanctuary Congregation, legal issues, medical care, and safety concerns.

Quorum Report

10% attendance is required to have a quorum. We currently have 507 members. 168 members were in attendance with only 51 required to have a quorum.

Vote

Congregation members present, voted on a paper ballot by circling “yes” to approve or “no” not to approve. Ballots were folded and placed in a basket.

Resolution

“We hereby resolve to become officially and publicly known as a Sanctuary Congregation, letting that be known to groups who may coordinate a relationship with someone nearing deportation, as well as informing the broader Bloomington, Southern Indiana, and UU communities of our intention and commitment.

Before hosting a person or family in our space, we will seek to build a relationship with them so that each party feels comfortable that this would be a fruitful and safe

undertaking, respecting the needs and boundaries of both the guest and the congregation. By virtue of our policy-based governance, the Senior Minister will be responsible for undertaking the implementation of this process (though she may delegate that as necessary). The Board of Directors will set policies around this process, and monitor the situation in accordance with its governance model, offering support on behalf of the congregation, when and as is possible.”

Motion: to approve Sanctuary Congregation resolution

A Motion was made by Von Welch: to accept the resolution as presented.

Seconded by Steve Dillon.

Ballots were collected and tallied by the Board.

Motion: for the Board to approve the Special Congregational Meeting minutes at a future Board meeting

A Motion was made by Von Welch: to accept the resolution as presented.

Seconded by Harv Hegarty.

Vote: approved unanimously

A moment of silence was observed before the vote results were announced.

Announcement of Sanctuary Congregation resolution vote results

There were 167 “Yes” votes and 0 “No” votes.

Resolution passed by the congregation.

Adjournment

Motion by Von Welch: to adjourn.

Seconded by Jack King.

Vote: approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.