

MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2000 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of Bloomington, IN

Meeting of Congregation, 12:30pm, May 7, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Susan Bookout, President of the Board of Directors. A roster (attached) was circulated for members/friends to sign to determine if we had a quorum: 44 members and 1 friend signed. A quorum of 30 was required from the membership of 308. The Annual Report to the Congregation - May 7, 2000 was handed out along with a packet of budget/finance reports.

OPENING: Sabbatical Minister Bill Breeden opened with a prayer.

President of the Board Susan Bookout welcomed those attending. She called for a show of hands of members to determine if we had met the quorum of 30--we did.

APPROVE 12/21/99 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES. Minutes approved as reported and published in the Annual Report to the Congregation - May 7, 2000 (attached), pages 1-3.

REPORTS:

1. Our Whole Lives (OWL). Susan Bookout gave a brief report in Clark Brittain's absence. The OWL program is a series of sexuality education curricula for five age groups. This year's program, led by Clark Brittain and Mary Mahern, with the assistance of John Jones and Cindy Port, has been successfully completed.
2. Habitat Project. Ford Phillips reported that the Habitat Task Force sent a letter to twelve churches requesting assistance in the Habitat project. They have received positive responses from three congregations stating they will provide volunteers for the work on the project. The Task Force gave a presentation to one church. A few of the churches indicated they will dedicate a Sunday offering for us to help fund the project. The Task Force will be sending out more letters. List of churches responding: St. Paul United Methodist (offering); St. Thomas Lutheran, Beth Shalom, and University Methodist (indicate they would like to be partners, but not definite yet, and have set meetings of their congregations to discuss the project); Friends Congregation is considering the project. Ford noted that the third Monday of May is the next Habitat Task Force meeting and that the National Habitat meeting will be in Indianapolis.
3. Special Purposes Fund. Susan Bookout gave the SPF report in Ledford Carter's absence, referencing the written SPF report in the Annual Report to the Congregation - May 7, 2000 (attached), page 19.
4. Nominating Committee. Jean Knowlton reported for the Nominating Committee on the slate of nominations for 2000-2001 and thanked the committee, composed of Susan Bookout, Joan Caulton, Jeff Vincent, and Martha Oakley. Nominations are listed on page 3 of the Annual Report to the Congregation - May 7, 2000 (attached).

ELECTION OF BOARD/OFFICERS FOR 2000-2001 EFFECTIVE 7/1/00. Susan Bookout called for nominations from the floor—none. Jan Skinner moved the close of nominations; Dan Quilter seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. Elizabeth Lion moved for a unanimous vote for the nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee; Jan Skinner seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

BUDGET 2000-2001. Lloyd Orr presented the budget for 2000-2001 and explained the materials that were handed out (attached):

1. Fiscal 2000-2001 Budget Recommended for the 5/7/00 Congregational Meeting: shows in spreadsheet form income and expenses for the 99-00 budget, 00-01 requested budget, Board recommended budget, and notes on requests and responses. Note proposed compensation package changes for minister and administrator with regard to salary and health care and that 55% of the budget goes for personnel expenses.
2. Operating Budget 2000-2001 \$285,230: shows a pie chart view of proposed operating budget.

3. Budgets: A Five Year Perspective: shows in spreadsheet form the budget transition, 1998-99 to 2002-03, absorbing the mortgage and the ending of the UUA CYA Grant into the operating budget. Lloyd explained that mortgage payments begin this year, actual budgets have consistently exceeded the minimum projected need (congrats!), healthy additions have been made to program funding, and that we can't do everything because of the need to absorb the mortgage and CYA into the budget. Note the SUMMARY at the bottom of the page.
4. Board-Finance Committee Budget Recommendations for the 5/7/00 Congregational Meeting: Lloyd reviewed the document item by item. He noted that in item #4, the figure given as the remainder of the Lundin Fund should be \$12,000, not \$16,000.

Lloyd moved the budget for adoption, Diane Gregory seconded. BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Lloyd noted that along with the increase to the budget for the building each year is the assumption of an increase in membership. Membership is growing: last year about 272, so far this year 294--today 309! Diane Gregory called the question on the 2000-2001 Budget. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

SPF RECOMMENDATION FOR LUNDIN FUND USE FOR SJCC:

Lloyd Orr moved for adoption that \$20,000 of the Leonard Lundin Fund in SPF be dedicated to Social Justice and that the remainder of the Leonard Lundin Fund be used to establish a fund for the eventual purchase of the Belcher property. (#3 and #4 on the Board-Finance Committee Budget Recommendations.) Bob DeVoe seconded.

Cookie Lynch spoke of her concerns about the use of the Leonard Lundin Fund (see attached "Uses of the Leonard Lundin Fund?"). She made the motion that "income from the remaining moneys in the Lundin Fund be given to the Social Justice Committee until that time when a well thought out use of the money will be made in such a way as to memorialize the name of Charles Leonard Lundin." Jean Knowlton seconded.

There was a comment that if Leonard Lundin had felt strongly about the use of the funds, he would have specified such. Guy stated that Leonard had placed no strings on the money.

Lloyd stated some options: Income from the fund could be used for current projects or we could call the Social Justice Fund the Charles Leonard Lundin Fund. Then some future use could be decided for the funds.

Cookie stated she intended some project or endowment in her motion and that we should not rush a decision on use of the funds—it needs careful thought. Interest from the Lundin Fund would be spent on Social Justice with the principle kept intact and use decided later. Question was called on Cookie's motion. Voice vote on Cookie's motion was unclear, so a show of hands vote was used. 23 Yes, 15 No. MOTION PASSED BY HAND VOTE.

The original motion as amended by Cookie's motion was given a voice vote. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

BUILDING DISCRETIONARY FUND:

Lloyd moved that the Board be authorized to spend up to \$15,000 from the Building Discretionary Fund between 7/1/00 and 12/31/00. Dennis McGreer seconded. MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Susan Bookout asked for applause for the Sabbatical Committee for its successful work.

Diane Gregory thanked Susan Bookout for her year as President of the Congregation.

Adjourned about 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris F. Wittenburg, Secretary of the Board

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