

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of Bloomington, IN
Meeting of the Congregation, 12:30pm, December 1, 2001

Jeff Vincent, President of the Board of Directors, welcomed the Congregation to the meeting.

Rev. Barbara Carlson gave the Invocation.

Chalice lighting by Jeff Vincent.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Vincent, President of the Board of Directors. A roster of 330 members (attached) was circulated for signatures to determine if we had a quorum of 10 percent of the membership (33 members)—54 members signed the roster.

A. BUDGET ITEMS:

Lloyd Orr, Treasurer, presented the Full-Year Budget Report 2001-2002 (attached). He discussed the items marked with circled numbers on the report as follows:

1. "Campus Ministry" budget line is changed to "Campus Ministry Pastoral Half-time Ministry" for Rev. Bill Breeden's compensation. There has been no change in the overall budget line.
2. "Total Ministerial Proposal" item was noted for the proposed new ministerial configuration.
3. "Building Maintenance Budget Increase" budget line is to cover a maintenance agreement for the elevator. Deb Hutton made the following motion: **WHEREAS, Our new building is beginning to require more maintenance than it did in the previous three years, AND WHEREAS, We have recently arranged for a more comprehensive and somewhat more expensive elevator maintenance contract to prevent huge repair bills associated with the elevator, AND WHEREAS, The Building Maintenance budget is therefore too conservative to meet current needs, MOVED, that the Congregation authorize an additional \$500 to be spent as needed for building maintenance during the current fiscal year, 2001-2002.** Carol Marks explained the series of repairs to the elevator needed after the warrantee expired. **Motion approved unanimously.**

B. PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS: (attached)

1. Nominating Committee Section 5.8 changes proposed by the Nominating Committee to clarify their role of helping committees gain their own committees. It doesn't change the intent of the Nominating Committee. **Iris Kiesling moved and Harlan Lewis seconded that the Bylaws Nominating Committee Section 5.8 be changed as proposed, with Section 5.8 corrected so that the "It" in the second paragraph reads "The Nominating Committee."** In explanation, Joan Caulton stated that the Board is the last resort to get Nominating Committee members. The Nominating Committee is the last resort to fill committees' membership. She further stated that the Nominating Committee members have staggered terms, in answer to a question by Iris Kiesling. The intent of the changes was explained by Joan Caulton as follows: the Nominating Committee will continue to look for new leadership, but committees themselves know of the experience of those already on the committee and who may be suited for the committee. It was also noted that the proposed database hopefully would help with committee membership and leadership development. **Motion passed.**
2. Section 2.0 "Membership" proposed to be changed to "Membership and Diversity," with diversity wording added in Sections 2.3, 5.8, 5.9, and 8.0. **Harlan Lewis moved acceptance of the diversity wording changes in the Bylaws. Jack King seconded the motion. Motion approved, with three abstentions.**

3. Wording to add plural “Ministers” was prompted by the new co-ministry. **Deb Hutton moved that the language in the Bylaws for “Minister” be changed to “Ministers.” Ledford Carter seconded the motion. Ledford suggested an amendment to the motion to change it to “Minister/ministers.” Guy Loftman suggested “Minister(s),” as is the accepted way to word it, and then both singular and the plural would work. Ledford says the amendment is OK. Motion passed, with one No vote.**

C. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Ledford Carter stated that in the Bylaws, the Special Purposes Fund Committee has three members elected by the Congregation, and it is currently missing one. Libby DeVoe stated that the Board has appointed Harlan Lewis, but the Congregation has not affirmed it. **Libby, therefore, moved that Harlan Lewis be elected for a full three-year term on Special Purposes Fund Committee. Ledford Carter seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
2. Deb Hutton stated that we should give a thank you to Cary Boyce for the music pieces he has composed for the church. **Deb Hutton moved that the church designate Cary Boyce as our official composer-in-residence (honorary) with no compensation, to set a UUA precedence. Harlan Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed, with one abstention.** She stated this should be communicated to the UUA and published in the UU World magazine.
3. Iris Kiesling pointed out that in the Bylaws, 5.9 Personnel Committee, diversity wording should be approved. It was stated that it was covered in the Diversity wording vote.

D. PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. It was asked whether the Bylaws changes could be published beforehand. It was pointed out that they were published in two Prologue issues.
2. Someone asked about whether the Prologue and other Church communications could be sent by email to save paper. Carol Marks stated that the Prologue is available on the Church web page but not set up yet to email. The Technology Committee might be happy to work on this. It was asked whether all committees have the ability to update committee information on the web page. Carol Marks stated that they are in the process of doing so. Bill Lynch stated that not all people have computers and should be communicated with otherwise.
3. Dan Quilter asked if the database has been selected. Jeff Vincent answered that this is a high priority and is in process.

Motion to adjourn by Harlan Lewis. Many seconded the motion! Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris F. Wittenburg,
Board Secretary

