

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of Bloomington, IN
Meeting of the Congregation, 12:30pm, May 5, 2002

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

Rev. Barbara Carlson gave the Invocation—a short reading by Ralph Waldo Emerson. She also thanked all those who worked so many hours to prepare for this meeting.

Chalice lighting by Jeff Vincent.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Vincent. A roster of 326 members (attached) was circulated for signatures to determine if we had a quorum of 10 percent of the membership (33 members)—46 members signed the roster. The Agenda and Annual Report were distributed (attached).

A. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS:

1. Edrice Baker – Pastoral Caregivers Team, Aesthetics Committee, arranges flowers for all services and church events.
2. Joan Hongen – Pastoral Caregivers Team, Chair of Bazaar.
3. Cindy Port – Tremendous influence on the youth; Outstanding Young Adult Award at Heartland District Meeting; grew up in this church; R.E. Assistant; Acting DRE, thriving Beacon organization with Cindy as Volunteer Leader; her work is an inspiration to others.

B. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Tom Hollingsworth moved that the Congregation approve the minutes from the previous Congregational Meetings of May 20, 2001 and December 2, 2001 and from the Special Congregational Meeting of October 28, 2001. Seconded by Bob DeVoe. Motion approved.

C. FISCAL 2002-2003 BUDGET PROPOSAL:

Lloyd Orr presented the Fiscal 2002-2003 Budget Proposal (attached in Annual Report). He explained that multi-year budgeting is needed to fund the new Co-ministry. He noted the generosity in canvass pledging--\$33,400 increase in pledges from last year, with 67 new pledges. He noted the following: a proposed budgeted income of \$312,900—an increase of \$38,400; an increase in hours and compensation for staff; total compensation packages only are given for professional employees for flexibility; and a budgeted deficit of \$20,000—largest ever budgeted. He stated further that the deficits have increased each year but have until recently been turned into surpluses and that there is no intention of realizing this deficit, since fund raising will be continued to fund it.

He then asked for questions. Beth Hollingsworth asked about the status of the request for additional pledges and the status of outstanding pledges after the canvass. Lloyd stated that we are within \$2,500 of fully funding the Co-ministry. Jackie Hall from the Stewardship Committee stated that most of the outstanding pledges have been resolved. Jean Knowlton asked how many years are left on the mortgage. Lloyd stated 20 years are left. Tom Hollingsworth asked how much is paid monthly on the mortgage. Lloyd stated that it is about \$3,404.94 monthly.

D. STAFF COMPENSATION:

Bob DeVoe moved to allow the Board, in consultation with the employees, determine the breakdown of compensation between salary and benefit items. Jack King seconded. Motion passed.

E. CO-MINISTRY BUDGET INCREASE:

Walt Owens moved to grant permission for the Board to increase the Co-ministry Budget from 1.94 FTE to 2.0 FTE if funding becomes available. Barb Lund seconded. Motion passed.

F. FISCAL 2002-2003 BUDGET:

Jan Armstrong moved to approve the 2002-2003 Budget. Dan Quilter seconded. Motion passed. Tom Hollingsworth asked that those people who worked so hard to create the budget be commended.

G. REMODELING OF ROOM 207A AND ROOM 207B:

Bob DeVoe moved that the Board authorize the Building Oversight Committee to go ahead with the remodeling project for Room 207A & 207B with funding from the Equipment-Capital Reserve Fund and approve reimbursement from the Building Fund. Tom Hollingsworth seconded. Motion passed.

H. BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUDGET:

Dan Quilter moved that the Building Oversight Committee be allowed an additional \$500 for the Building Maintenance budget line in 2001-02 (to allow various electrical and plumbing repairs to be made). Beth Hollingsworth seconded. Motion passed.

I. BUILDING FUND ASSETS:

Jean Knowlton moved to allow the Board to allocate any remaining Building Fund assets. Joan Bennett seconded. Motion passed.

Lloyd Orr pointed out that there was not much money left in the Building Fund. Diane Port asked if some of the remaining Building Fund assets have been spent through the last year. Lloyd stated that \$1,600 has been approved but not yet spent for security fencing around the play yard.

J. THIS MEETING'S MINUTES:

Walt Owens moved to allow the Board to approve the minutes of this Congregational meeting. Jack King seconded. Motion passed.

K. SPECIAL PURPOSES FUND ANNUAL REPORT:

Libby DeVoe, Chair of SPF, presented the Special Purposes Fund Report (printed on page 25 of the attached Annual Report). She noted that the Congregation elects three members of the SPF and two are appointed representatives from the Board and that the Special Purposes Fund is made up of assets given to the church for use outside of the annual operating budget. She reported that donations made to the church in memory of Fran Feddersen will go to the Music Program, as requested by her family.

L. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Connie Loftman, Co-chair of the Nominating Committee (along with Joan Caulton), presented the Nominating Committee's report on the slate of nominees for Board of Directors, Nominating Committee, and Special Purposes Fund (printed on page 7 of the attached Annual Report).

Joan Bennett moved that we approve the candidates for the Board of Directors. Ruellen Fessenbecker seconded. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion passed.

Dan Quilter moved that we approve the candidates for the Nominating Committee. Jean Knowlton seconded. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion passed.

Rosemarie Kamman moved that we approve the candidates for the Special Purposes Fund Committee. Dick Pfister seconded. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion passed.

M. PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS:

- Chris Craig asked if a set of car keys has been found.
- Guy Loftman stated that he met Howard Zinn, who said that when he thinks of Indiana, he thinks of Kurt Vonnegut, Eugene Debs, and Bill Breeden.
- Barbara Carlson reported that Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Deb Phelps have rented a house in Bloomington and will be here the first of July. The Revs. Carlson, Macklin, and Breeden have met to discuss plans for their Co-ministry.
- Libby DeVoe thanked Jeff Vincent for his leadership as President of the Board of Directors this year.
- Lee Strickholm stated that she and Al stopped at Madison, Wisconsin, in their travels and went to the Sunday service at Rev. Mary Ann Macklin's church. Lee stated that when Mary Ann saw them in the congregation, Mary Ann thought she was in the wrong place for a moment!
- Jean Knowlton thanked whoever thought of having the children in the service each Sunday. She loves having them there.
- Jeff Vincent gave his greetings and thank you to the Congregation, the Board, Rev. Barbara Carlson, Rev. Bill Breeden, Carol Marks, and all of the staff. He stated it has been a great year for him and appreciates the support from all.

Motion to adjourn by Ruellen Fessenbecker. Jack King seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris F. Wittenburg,
Board Secretary