

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

## Approved Minutes of the June 1, 2008 Congregational Meeting

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**Call to order** by Jan Skinner, President, at 4:02 PM

**Chalice Lighting and Reading** by Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden

**Introduce Parliamentarian Guy Loftman and adopt agenda** -- Jan Skinner

## **Motion: allow the Board of Directors to approve minutes from this meeting at a future board meeting**

Moved by Chris Haynes, second by Steve Dillon

Vote: approved unanimously

## **Quorum report**

There are 96 members in attendance, with 41 required for a quorum.

-- Chris Haynes, Secretary

## **Twenty-five percent of Sunday Plate Ballot**

The three nominees for receiving 25% of non-pledge Sunday plate offerings in the coming fiscal year are:

- Middle Way House
- People and Animal Learning Services
- Volunteers in Medicine

Advocacy statements were included in the Annual Report to the Congregation, as well as a recent Prologue newsletter and Sunday services. Ballots were distributed and collected. In the event of a tie, a run-off vote will be held.

## **Nominations**

The Nominating Committee presented the Slate of Nominations for membership of the Board, Nominating Committee, and Special Purposes Trust Fund Committee. See the attached Nominating Committee Report included in the attached Annual Report to the Congregation. The Board member terms were further clarified to be 2008-2009 for G.K. Rowe, Chris Haynes, David Cox, and Shari Woodbury, and 2008-2010 for Andrea Murray, John Lawson, and Amy Taylor.

President Jan Skinner made three calls for nominations from the floor, with no response.

## **Motion: close nominations and accept the Slate of Nominations**

Motion by Steve Dillon, second by Jean Knowlton

Vote: approved unanimously

## **Budget proposal**

Lloyd Orr, Treasurer, presented the attached Fiscal 2008-2009 Proposed Budget, as approved by the Finance Committee and Board of Directors. The major new expenditures were presented with the aid of the attached budget highlights document.

Jackie Hall clarified the role of the new membership integration staff position.

Iris Kisling noted that we will be allowed nine delegates to General Assembly next year. About \$1,800 in additional funds will be needed to support their attendance, for which she recommended a fundraiser. Kevin Woodruff observed that we will not be represented this year by the full complement of eight delegates allowed because attendance costs are not adequately covered by this year's budget. Lloyd Orr noted that the board can authorize fund raising events.

## Motion: the congregation accept the proposed budget

Moved by Lloyd Orr, second by Jason Hill

Vote: approved unanimously, with Iris Kisling abstaining

## Outstanding Services Awards

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden began their presentation of the Outstanding Service Awards by reading the names of people who had received the award in recent years and are currently active in the congregation. See the attached list of all recipients of this award. The following Outstanding Service Awards for this year were then presented.

**Doris Wittenberg:** In gratitude for her longtime care of our kitchen and continued role with the Caring Committee. Doris has consistently offered her services to organize the receptions for member memorial services, which often demand spur of the moment planning. Doris has also served on the Board of Directors.

**Melinda Swenson:** In gratitude for her outstanding leadership with the Appreciative Inquiry process which enhances the long-term planning of our congregational community. Melinda has spent countless hours shepherding this new process with an evolving committee. Melinda also sings in the choir and has volunteered in many congregational activities.

**Deborah Phelps:** In gratitude for her inspired composition of the "Six Sources Cantata" which was performed by our choir for its All Music Sunday this winter. Deborah was also the composer of "Fire In My Bones" the Meditative Opera which was part of our pledge campaign several years ago.

**Colleen Haas:** In gratitude for her amazing percussion abilities. Colleen has generously shared her talents with our congregation. She was a key percussionist for the Six Sources Cantata. She also organized a very successful music event "Diversity of Music" this past winter. Colleen has also taught classes and facilitated drumming circles at our all church retreat.

# Thank You to Retiring Board Members

The contributions of the following retiring board members were acknowledged.

- Steve Dillon, At Large Board Member
- Karen Jewell, At Large Board Member
- Chris Judge, At Large Board Member
- Deanna Lahre, At Large Board Member
- Lloyd Orr, Treasurer
- Jan Skinner, President

## Minister's Remarks

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden offered special thanks to Jan Skinner, retiring as Board president. They also offered thanks to the Sunday worship service helpers, the caring committee, lawn mowing crew, and our exceptional staff members, noting that love for the congregation is the driving force for the staff and ministers.

## Announcement of the 25% Plate Recipient

President Jan Skinner announced the winner of the Sunday Plate Ballot was Volunteers in Medicine

## Motion: to adjourn

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Will Watt

Vote: approved unanimously

**The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM**

## Annual Report to the Congregation

The attached Annual Report to the Congregation was distributed to those in attendance.