

Unitarian Universalists of Benton County
Congregational Meeting
June 5, 2016

Meeting called to order by Board President, Harris McKee.

The determination was made that a quorum was present with 21 voting members in attendance. Absent were: Ellen Bell, Richard Bland, Hannah Roberts, Ellen Tate, Brad Tew, and Kate Williams.

Harris proceeded with the meeting by asking for a vote to suspend the Bylaws, explaining the need for this. UUBC Bylaws provide for Congregation meetings in May, October, and January, and we are meeting in June because of a pattern begun with last year's first Annual Meeting to vote on Bylaws and elect officers after having an appointed Advisory Board for the first years of the fellowship. Note: See Bylaw, Congregational Meetings, shown below.

Tony Miltich moved to suspend the Bylaws. Motion 2nd and carried.

Harris reviewed a chart that listed Board members, the years served by the appointed members, himself, Lauren Galle, Michelle Harvey, Julie Jensen, Jim Jensen, Hannah Roberts, and the three elected members who began July 2015, Suzanne Miltich, Tony Potochnik, and Kathy Rogers. He noted that Tony has since moved away, and Michelle will soon be leaving. Harris reported the Board's decision last month to reduce its number from 9 to 6 members because this was considered a more reasonable proportion of the UUBC membership. He proposed the Board continue with its current members with Julie leaving this year, noting that, with the Bylaws providing for Board elections in January, elections will be held again January 2017. Harris asked for a motion to continue with a Board of six members, including himself, Lauren Galle, Jim Jensen, Suzanne Miltich, Kathy Rogers, and Hannah Roberts. Michelle Harvey moved. Andee DeRouen 2nd. Motion carried.

Harris reported the Board served as the first Nominations Committee and said that a Nominating Committee needs to be elected at this time for the following year. Bylaws call for a Committee of five voting members who each serve two years with staggered terms. The following slate is proposed: Carol Bobek, Julie Jensen, Harris & Mary McKee, Tony Miltich. Lauren Galle moved the slate be approved. Cherie Geiser 2nd. Motion carried. Note: For details see Bylaw, Nominating Committee shown below.

Harris presented the budget approved by the Board, showing the previous year's income and expenditures along with what is proposed for 2016-17. He noted that pledges were less for the upcoming year because of members moving and that expenses have been adjusted with most of the shortfall coming from Religious Education. He said that volunteer services will be used in this program to supplement paid staff. Andee DeRouen moved to approve the 2016-17 budget. Karen Tucker 2nd. Budget approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Miltich
Board Secretary

Congregational Meetings

Regular meetings of the Fellowship shall be held during the months of May, October, and January at a time and place designated by the Governing Board. The Board may vote to omit the October meeting. The meeting held in May shall be for the purpose of adopting an annual budget for the fiscal year, commencing July 1st, and other business that may be properly brought before the membership. The meeting held in January shall be for the purpose of electing board members who will take office February 1st, to receive reports from Board members, and other business that may be properly brought before the membership. The meeting held in the month of October shall be to transact any business that may be properly brought before the membership.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of five (5) voting members. Terms of office for Committee members shall be for two years, and shall begin on July 1 of the first fiscal year after election and end on June 30 of the second fiscal year after election. Terms of office of three (3) committee members shall begin in even numbered years. Terms of office of two (2) committee members shall begin in odd numbered years. The initial Nominating Committee members will be appointed by the Governing Board.