

UUFEC Spring Congregational Meeting, 27 April 2014

Called to order by Jane Park 11:30

Quorum of 25% (19.4/96 members) for annual meetings is met with 36 of 96 members present.

31 May 2014 is the established date for Rod Deb's farewell

We will have a voting meeting in the fall, Karen Lauer, Kathy Roniger and Josh Ashley will be on the nominating committee per the bylaws.

Judy Byrne Riley presented endowment report.

The value of the endowment is \$48711.09. This includes a deposit of \$5238.88 from the Hank Boudolf funds in April 2014. Endowment committee meeting will be in the middle of May.

Judy Byrne Riley clarified that endowment is a growth potential, by law and by our bylaws we cannot touch it until over 50K, and then only at the discretion of the endowment committee. The endowment is not a savings account.

CURRENT BUDGET/FINANCIALS: Beth Reindl gave the report, thanked Elizabeth Ashley for her work. Pledges fell by about \$16,000.00. Stressed importance of congregants meeting their pledges and that UUFEC can accept past pledges.

\$116,000.00 is current budget.

PLEDGE DRIVE REPORT by Stiles Thompson. 77 total giving units out of about 97 members with one pledge remaining.

Jane Park and Jane Montgomery presented a gift for Stiles Thompson for stepping forward on canvassing committee.

TREASURERS REPORT: by Beth Reindl.

**Judy Byrne Riley moved to accept the budget as presented, Fred Boyer seconded.**

Lengthy congregational discussion:

Judy Byrne Riley stated congregation doesn't have to accept the budget.

Concerns about fundraising numbers being unrealistic; others stated last year was a bad year for fundraising due to congregational issues that arose, and this year ought to be a normal, better year for fundraising;

Elizabeth Ashley stated the budget includes \$8000 wiggle room to cover lapses in fundraising. Jane Park stated the board and committees (in particular Food Fun and Fellowship Committee) saw same concerns, and chose to accept the budget as is, and now it is up to congregation to decide. Concerns for playground fundraising needs.

Jane Park clarified that future ministerial options will only be moved upon with thorough congregational participation and input. Congregational input will be extensively solicited before decisions are made.

Judy B Riley: clarified that we can accept or reject the budget as written

Gil Brown: what happens if we reject the budget today? Will we have to have another meeting? Have to figure out something before 1 May.

Judy B Riley – Separation allowance specifically put in the budget by the finance committee, balanced by special donation income line.

**3 opposed, all other in favor, motion carried.**

Bylaw Changes:

Jane Montgomery stated any motion should be to accept or to reject the bylaws as presented and not to amend the bylaws at this meeting; explained the changes to the bylaws and clarified various questions on process and what sections mean.

Jane Montgomery noted that bylaws committee was formed by the board. Those who are members per the current bylaws can vote today; membership qualifications will not take effect until after such changes are accepted by congregation.

Jane Park asked for the motion to accept or reject the bylaws as recommended – no changes or adjustments to be made today.

**Judy Byrne Riley moved to accept bylaws as recommended. Diane Gibson seconded.**

DISCUSSION

Jane Montgomery said members may bring suggested bylaw changes to the board and bylaw committee for future revisions; clarified definition of “members at large,” “board of trustees” and “officers” for attendees; minister is ex-officio, non-voting member of the board of trustees.

John Lindegren suggested name of “Congregational Home Ministry” for section 7-2.

Chris Larson stated concern with 6-1-5-1.

Congregational discussion on section 7-1.

Peregrine Conroy stated youth were not consulted in section 2.

Gil Brown asked when people would need to make pledges for the year to maintain membership.

Denny Lauer stated we can accept a pledge from any time to meet the membership requirements.

Don Harrison says that per youth orientation instruction, the bylaws do not clarify intent or content, and also inquired about requirement for adults. Denny Lauer suggested coordinating with membership and RE to put an orientation class together.

Diane Gibson inquired about section on minister and his role on COM. Minister will be an advising nonvoting member of COM with bylaw changes.

**2 opposed all others in favor, no abstentions. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned by Jane Park, 1235.