

Annual Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2013
(39 members present- We have a quorum.)

Meeting began at 10:52 a.m. by Cathy Rifenburg, President with an explanation of voting members according to our by-laws. Any person may become, and remain, a member of this Fellowship who is in sympathy with its purpose and program; agrees with the Fellowship's Bylaws, signs the Membership Book, and demonstrates participation in and contributions to the Fellowship. Any member may vote in congressional meetings 30 days after signing the Membership Book.

1. 2013-2014 Board Slate Approval

Jack Harvey-President

Jo Shaffer-Vice President

Ken Sizemore-Treasurer

Dianna Avrigian-Secretary

Christine May-Member at Large (2 year term)

Tisha McSharry-Member at Large (2 year term)

*Current President advised that Charissa Thacker and Ruby Jo Faust have been appointed by the current board to fill the remaining vacated two-year terms At-Large positions.

No additional nominations from the congregation.

Ruby Jo Faust motioned for approval.

Helen Johnson seconded motion.

- Yays-37
- Nays-0
- Abstains-2

2. Values Statement Approval-Developed in May 2012 at the first vision/growth workshop conducted by Maggie Lovins

“With wonder and courage, we pursue the core values of compassion, justice and acceptance.”

Helen Johnson motioned for approval.

Michael McSharry seconded motion.

Congregational discussion commenced highlighting the statement as a pursuit of these ideals versus a statement of attainment.

- Yays-34
- Nays-1
- Abstains-4

3. Mission Statement Approval-Developed in July 2012 at an after Sunday Service workshop conducted by Jack Harvey

“To be an accepting community creating sanctuary, inspiring inquiry, celebrating joy and wonder, and working for social justice.”

Jack Harvey motioned to accept.
Jan Stricklan seconded motion

Congregational Discussion commenced advising statement is lengthy.

- Yays-35
- Nays-1
- Abstains-3

4. Explanation of Covenant (Future Task)-Cathy Rifenburg quoted Rev. Victoria Safford:
“A covenant is not a contract. A covenant is not a static artifact and it is not a sworn oath. A covenant is a living, breathing aspiration made new every day. It can't be enforced by consequences but it may be reinforced by forgiveness and by grace, when we stumble, when we forget, when we mess up.”

She also advised congregation of discussions to create a community covenant (commitment) and that there will be examples of covenants on the website.

5. Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (*a full draft is available on the website)

Income total: \$70,000.00

Ken Sizemore, treasurer, praised fundraising efforts and advised fiscal responsibility from committee chairs in the coming year. He also went through the proposed budget for the congregation.

Congregational discussion commenced questioning reserve funds (approx. 38000.00), rental income projections with new insurance policies. Per Jack Harvey, we will look into other insurance options in an effort to better serve the greater community.

Helen motioned to accept proposed 2013-2014 budget.
Bob McNeal seconded motion.

- Yays-37
- Nays-0
- Abstains-2

6. Delegates to GA-Al Burgermeister/Jack Harvey Approval

Jan Stricklan motioned to accept nomination of delegates.
Chris May seconded motion.

Congregational discussion commenced questioning dates (June 19-23), location (Louisville, KY) and UUFBC advised will pay the registration (\$600) and possibly reimbursement for travel at the end of the fiscal year.

- Yays-35
- Nays-0
- Abstains-4

Strategic Plan Approval – Jo Schaffer noted that the Strategic Planning process of data collection began in March of 2012 with the first meetings of the Vision and Growth Committee. Following months of intense data gathering, congregational input, analysis and compiling of the data, the process was completed in March 2013.

Cathy Rifenburg, president, advised the plan with the 5 focuses to be approved today is a starting point. Any changes or revisions will be recommended to the Board by appointed members who will oversee the plan.

Correct #7, paragraph three to read, “Congregational discussion commenced questioning if a part-time/full-time minister is a part of the 5 Year Plan. Per Jo Schaffer, this is a part of the plan in year four, with the RE program hiring in the first year and an administrative assistant to follow in the second year.

Candis Harbison made a motion to approve the 5-yr plan.
Ken Sizemore seconded motion.

- Yays-37
- Nays-0
- Abstains-2

Potential Additional Agenda Item (addressed by Cheryl Kellogg)-Nominating Committee
Per the bylaws the nominating committee does not have to be determined at the annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn by George Stevenson
Motioned to second by Jerry Rifenburg
The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:56 p.m.