

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County
Annual Meeting May 22, 2016

President Cathy Rifenburg opened the meeting at 11:35 a.m. with 26 members present

Agenda Item	Motions/Discussions Discussion	Action
Proposed 2016/2017 Budget	Jerry Rifenburg motioned to accept the proposed budget. Seconded by Nancy Schlagheck. It was noted that there was a difference in the Budgeted Amount column and the Difference column, which should agree at the time of this meeting. Chris Dixon said he'd get that corrected. The Minister's Fund was briefly discussed; raising funds for a part-time minister is still ongoing. Discussion occurred on the current years pledges/balance. Chris D. said that they were on target, lower than originally estimated due to loss in memberships. Also discussed was the meaning of "prepared to make a financial contribution of record." Some members expressed concern for those unable to make any financial contribution. A contribution of record means that the member giving the money is doing so in an identifiable manner, either by check or cash in an envelop with their name on it as opposed to anonymously.	In favor = 26 Opposed = 0 Abstains = 0 Motion carried
Proposed Bylaw Changes	Six items were in this agenda item. See attached Suggested UUFBC Bylaws Changes for details.	
Article III -Membership	Harriet Myers motioned to accept changes, Jan Stricklan seconded. A question about the minimum age of a member was raised; there is no minimum age to join but a member must be at least 18 years of age to enter into any contracts. Questions were raised on the length of the class and whether or not it could be taken online. The length of the class is about three hours over two sessions. While the content could be placed online it is thought that the social interaction between current members and members-to-be would be beneficial. The objective of the New Member Orientation is to inform participants about our UU and UUA. It was asked that if a new member was coming from another UU could they skip the Orientation. All new members regardless of prior affiliations will need to take the Orientation.	In favor = 13 Opposed = 11 Abstains = 2 Motion carried
Article VI (a) Executive Board Composition	Candice Harbirson motioned to accept the proposed change, Chris May seconded the motion. The question was raised why this change was proposed. Cheryl Kellogg noted that after reviewing the UUA website, articles on leadership, the difficulty the Leadership	In favor = 26 Opposed = 0 Abstains = 0 Motion carried

	Development Committee had in finding volunteers to serve on the Board, and our UUFBC membership size, that is was indicative of a change in the At Large members from four to two. She explained that this would be an efficient use of UUFBC resources.	
Article VI (f) Board Training	Chris May motioned that the proposed changes be accepted, Cheryl Kellogg seconded the motion. A question was asked about the content of Leadership materials. Cheryl Kellogg responded that this included training, internships, access to UU Institute coursed online, prior experience, and miscellaneous reading. This curriculum has been developed by the Leadership Development Committee.	In favor = 26 Opposed = 0 Abstains = 0 Motion carried
Article IX Elections Section 1 (a) Proposed Slate	Mary Thieme motion that the proposed changes be accepted, Harriet Myers seconded the motion. Cathy Rifenburg addressed the question of why this change was needed. We know that our Annual Meeting is sometime in May but we have experienced difficulty in getting a slate of officers a month in advance of the meeting. As soon as the proposed slate is identified it will be noted in eNews, the website, social media, and Sunday Services.	In favor = 26 Opposed = 0 Abstains = 0 Motion carried
Article VI Section 3(a) Duties and Powers of the Board	Cathy Rifenburg motioned that these changes be accepted, Cheryl Kellogg seconded. Discussions aroused around this need and several responses were given. An example was that when we will need a new roof, the contract that the Board will enter into would fall under this category and we would have to have an emergency meeting to get congregation approval.	In favor = 24 Opposed = 1 Abstains = 0 Motion carried
Article IV Denominational Affiliation	Nonnie Augustine motioned to accept the changes to the article, Jerry Rifenburg seconded. No discussion.	In favor = 24 Opposed = 1 Abstains = 0 Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 by Cathy Rifenburg.