

May 20, 2018

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County
Annual Meeting Minutes



Current Board
 Ken Sizemore, President
 Janet Cross, Vice President
 Lynne Siegfried, Treasurer
 Helen Johnson, Secretary
 Sandra Dielenschneider, At Large Member
 Heather Ogilvie, At Large Member

Agenda Item	Presented By	Comment/Action
Change in Slate	Fred Beauchemin/ Ken Sizemore	The position of Secretary was changed from a nomination for Lynne Siegfried to a nomination for Heather Ogilvie. The congregation opened with the lighting of the chalice. The purpose of the Annual Meeting was explained to visitors. Joys and concerns were shared followed by our traditional song, Go Lifted Up.
Call to order 10:30 a.m.	Ken Sizemore	A quorum of 36 voting members was by hand count.
Approval of May 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes	Ken Sizemore	Cindy Wilker motioned to accept the May 2017 Annual Minutes and Bob Kuchta seconded. There was no discussion 34 in favor, zero against, two abstained, motion passed.
2018-19 Proposed Budget	Ken Sizemore	A printed copy of the proposed budget was handed out. Ken explained the differences between the proposed budget and the draft budget everyone received in their pledge packets. Ken said that although we did not meet our pledge expectations we had the highest percentage of members pledging Ken has seen and he thanked the congregation for their support. Pledge, plate and fundraising income were discussed briefly. In the 2017-2018 period, we had an extra fundraising event with the Rummage sale and the \$3,000 raised from that effort will be earmarked to the 2018-2019 fundraising category. Expense categories were briefly discussed. Bob Gilmore asked about the status of the Reserve Funds which are at about \$30,000 and the Endowment is at about \$15,000. Jordan Atkins asked about the Web Hosting expense and why it was high. The UUFBC has a website consultant on call and the expense represents both the hosting of the website and any requests made to the consultant. Harriet Myers motioned to accept the 2018-19 Proposed Budget, Cathy Rifenburg seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. 36 in favor, zero against, zero abstained.
Changes to the Bylaws	Ken Sizemore	A printed copy of the proposed changes to the Bylaws, proposed slate of Board Officers and proposed slate of Leadership Development Committee (LDC) members were handed out. Two Bylaws were effected. Article VI, section 4 and Article VIII, section 1. The purpose of the changes was to prevent future Boards from having too much power in the nomination

		process for open positions between annual elections on the Board, strengthening the role of the LDC and enhancing transparency. The congregation was reminded that five or more congregants can call for a Congregational Meeting as can the Board outside of the normal May Annual Meeting. Candice Harbison motioned to accept the changes and Bob Gilmore seconded. No further discussion. 36 in favor, zero against, zero abstained. The budget passed unanimously
Congregational Update	Ken Sizemore	Ken presented the achievements of the UUFBC over the last year. A new roof was installed, an enclosed play yard for toddlers was created through funds raised in a very successful Silent Auction held last fall. He recognized the efforts of UUFBC committees whose actions ensured the future of our congregation: Building & Grounds, Communication, Office volunteers, RE Program volunteers, Social Justice, eNews, Worship, Music, Print and Video, and the Board's efforts were recognized.
2018-2019 Proposed Slate	Ken Sizemore	<p>The slate for the Board did not have a President for nomination. This vacancy was discussed next. It was determined that we could move ahead without a nominee. It was mentioned that the Vice President should step up. Ken clarified that the Vice President respectfully declined this responsibility prior to accepting her position last year. Harriet Myers nominated Chris Dixon from the floor, he respectfully declined. Harriet nominated Lynne Siegfried from the floor, she respectfully declined.</p> <p>George Stevenson, as a senior member of the UUFBC since 1956, stated that the position has always been a difficult one to fill. Ken clarified with Fred Beauchemin as chair of the LDC, that it had examined and asked all qualified members. Fred said that a thorough attempt had been made to select a qualified member to stand as president but the committee was universally turned down.</p> <p>Candice Harbison motioned that we accept the slate as presented, Jan Strickland seconded the motion.</p> <p>A discussion ensued around the option of having a co-Presidency or sharing the responsibilities among the remaining board members. It was noted that other UU congregations uses co-presidency team work to light the load of the president. There was further talk about shared responsibility and there seemed to be support for the idea. The vote was 36 in favor of the proposed slate, zero against, zero abstained. The slate passed unanimously.</p>
Adjourned		George Stevenson motioned to adjourn, Helen Johnson seconded, 36 in favor, zero against, zero abstained.
		Respectfully submitted by Helen Johnson