

## **Minutes of the May 31, 2015 Congregational Meeting**

**Welcome** President Misty Kirkman

**Chalice Lighting** President Misty Kirkman

**Call to Order** President Misty Kirkman

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

**Introduction of Nominees** President-elect Jon Schweska

**Appoint Parliamentarian** President Misty Kirkman

Daniel Finkenthal was appointed parliamentarian.

**Agenda Review** President Misty Kirkman

**Confirm quorum**

Past President David Cochran and Secretary Marj Lacey confirmed a quorum with 60 members present.

**Approval of Minutes of the June 2014 Annual Meeting**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved.

**Approval of Minutes of the January 2015 Annual Meeting**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved.

**Presentation and Election of Officers**

Misty Kirkman explained how balloting will occur. Nominees for the coming year are:

- President-Elect: Julie Mack
- Secretary: Lonna Leghart
- Treasurer: Tim Peirce

**Reports:**

- **C-CAT** (Diana Peirce)
  - Diana reported on the ongoing evolution of C-CAT and pointed to several significant developments over the past year, including
    - Forming a communications committee

- Supporting several projects, including a major event with All Souls Vista in November
    - The building of a portable bulletin board by Rick Appleton
    - The decision to suspend the monthly brunches
  - C-CAT also recommends that exit interviews be conducted when people leave leadership positions.
- **Strategic Planning Committee** (Brad Dre)
  - Brad explained that the strategic plan should be used to guide the congregation over the next five years. The committee has held cottage meetings with members and staff, established objectives, and created training materials. It is now up to committees to act. He encouraged all members to get involved.
- **Kitchen Remodel** (Sally Gill)
  - Sally pointed out that major funds for remodeling the kitchen have come from a bequest of the Landau family. She has met with several members who are interested in the kitchen project and has received drawings from Home Depot on a proposed plan. She also will interview and obtain estimates from three additional contractors. It is hoped that the work can be done during August and September.
- **Green Sanctuary** (Brenda Balmer)
  - Brenda said the Peace and Justice Committee has decided to move forward towards Green Sanctuary certification. The board has charged the committee with the responsibility for this, with the intent of applying for certification in 2017. Green Sanctuary involves making our buildings and grounds as “green” as possible, focusing on environmental issues in religious education and Sunday services, and having an impact on the wider community. The process of certification requires an assessment of our situation, the creation of projects to effect improvement, and documentation of what we have done.

## Awards

President Misty Kirkman

Misty announced the following awards:

- Beth Medina, Unsung Hero Award for the hospitality provided between services
- Paul and Mary Bryan, the Art Hulbert Sustainability Award for their work on enhancing our grounds
- Michael Graham, the Board Appreciation award for his active stewardship and never wavering as our champion
- Brenda Balmer, President’s Award for exceptional leadership

## Election of Officers

Dave Cochran, past president, announced all nominees had been elected.

The nominating committee will consist of

- Patrick Staight
- Mary Ellen Brooks
- Dick Eiden
- Ruth Abad
- Michelle Webster
- Tamara Lowell
- Kaye Preston

#### **Fundraising** (Jon Schwestka)

- Jon announced the Auction Committee will have suggestions for events that members might choose to offer as fundraisers. The committee is considering assisting with expenses, if needed. He pointed out that events could be offered at auction throughout the year in addition to at the major auction event in the fall.

#### **Presentation and Adoption of the Budget** (Tim Peirce)

- Tim reported our overall financial picture is good. Growth has continued, and staff salaries are in the range UUA suggests for mid-size congregations. We still are not paying our full share of UUA dues, but have been able to increase the amount we're giving. Jeannie Mielcarek suggested we might consider giving some of our plate share to the UUSC, which we have not been supporting as a congregation, though some members give individually. Tim said the board had decided plate share should go to local groups, but suggested the board has the authority to change that.
- The budget was approved

#### **Awards** (Misty Kirkman)

- Misty recognized outgoing board members David Cochran and Marj Lacey

#### **Call for Other Business**

- Mary Clare Vanderschaaf said the UUADP website has an honor roll of those who have contributed to the efforts to abolish the death penalty. She asked about passing a resolution to have the work of Jean Rabenold recognized on that site. Misty said Rev. Beth Johnson is aware of that and the board will discuss it.

**Adjournment:** 1:50 p.m.

#### **Chalice Extinguishment**

