

First Unitarian Church South Bend
Annual Meeting, May 22, 2005
Final

The Annual Meeting of the First Unitarian Church was called to order by president Kathy Vetter. The secretary determined from the sign-in sheet that a quorum of over 15% of the members was present. Elizabeth Scarborough moved that the minutes of last year's annual meeting and the minutes from the special congregational meeting held last December be approved as printed in the Annual Report. Kay Azar seconded and the motion carried.

Minister's Report. Rev. Lisa Doege reported that her major project this year was the planning and implementation of the Saturday afternoon service. Saturday services will resume in September, and continue to at least the end of December before a decision is made on whether to have the second service become permanent. She thanked the Sunday services committee and lay-led service leaders, the Strategic Planning committee, Gary Metzler and Kathy Vetter, Carlton Higginbotham, and Mary Beth Dickey for all their work this year..

President's Report. Kathy Vetter reported on the four major projects of the past year, including the replacement of the roof, the completion of the Strategic Plan, the setting up of an endowment fund, and a compilation of board policies. The latter two are still ongoing, but progress has been made.

Canvass. Vice president Gary Metzler reported that thus far we have 82 pledge units with \$86,600 being pledged.

Financial Report. Kathy Vetter gave the report in Don Wheeler's absence and presented the proposed operating budget for 2005-2006, which is a deficit budget. Jim Curlee moved that the proposed budget be accepted. Cindy Benedict seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Board Nominations for 2005-2006. The nominating committee, Bill Skidmore, Eric Morgan, and Peggy Stevens, presented a slate for the Board of Trustees:

Vice President: Bob Cope

Treasurer: Eric Morgan

Trustee: Kate Egerton

Trustee: Bob Asplund

Bette Asplund moved that the nominating committee's report be accepted; Chuck Leone seconded. There were no nominations from the floor, so Chuck Leone moved that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; Kevin Barry seconded and the motion carried.

2006 Nominating Committee. The Board of Trustees nominated the following for the 2006 nominating committee: Barb Carmichael, Kathy Vetter, and David Wistreich, with Elizabeth Scarborough as an alternate. Kevin Barry moved that the board's selections be approved. Bob Cope seconded and the motion passed.

The second part of the Congregational Meeting was devoted to the goals presented by the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee explained that only the goals will be voted on. The goals, if approved, will go to our consultant, Dave Rickart for review and suggestions, and then to the board to take action. Elizabeth Scarborough moved that we accept all eight goals as presented by the Strategic Planning Committee. Kay Azar seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, Kevin Barry moved to amend the goals so that "and to the greater community" be added to goal # 7 and that it become goal # 1, to better reflect priorities. Bill Stevens seconded the motion and the amendment carried with one opposed. Dave Wistreich then moved to close

the discussion and move on to vote on the goals. Eric Morgan seconded the motion. The vote to accept the goals , with #7 becoming #1 and the rest of the goals moving down in order, carried with one opposed.

All-Church Project. Two suggestions were to support the YWCA as we had in previous years, and one suggestion was the URC refugee settlement program. Kevin Barry moved that the YWCA become our All Church Project for 2005-2006. Peggy Stevens seconded the motion. Discussion centered on what the project entails. We will split the loose collection twice a month, and will also need someone to talk to the Y's volunteer coordinator. Bob Asplund moved that the board be empowered to decide how we will support the YWCA, Bill Stevens seconded, and Kevin accepted this amendment to his motion. Dave Wistrich moved that discussion be closed. Kay Azar seconded the motion. It carried with 5 opposed.

Volunteer of the Year Award. This went to Dave Wistreich, who coordinated and ran the very successful Christmas Tree fundraiser, putting in approximately half the volunteer hours himself.

There being no further business, Peggy Stevens moved for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Bentley
Secretary

