

First Unitarian Church, South Bend
Annual Congregational Meeting
May 15, 2022

Draft Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 12:13 by Anne Mannix
- II. Quorum Verification attested to by secretary Kay Azar.
There are 42 members present and signed in.
- III. Opening Words by Rev. Chip Roush
- IV. Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes Anne Mannix
A motion is made by Jim Gibson, seconded by Barbara Boyd. Motion carried.
- V. Minister's Report: See written report in Annual Report by Rev. Chip Roush
- VI. President's Report: Written report available in Annual Report by Anne Mannix
- VII. Operating Budget: Anne Mannix and Catherine Lundergan

Our finances look good for the year and it looks like we'll be breaking even for the year. Next year's budget is a deficit due to pledges being down and expenses increased as we come back to inperson meeting. We traditionally project a deficit budget every year, it is pointed out, so there is no reason for panic. Susan Siemers moves to accept the budget. Motion seconded by Byrd Tetlaff.

Barbara Williams moves to table the budget, seconded by Mary Alice Lundergan.

Concerns are expressed because the budget was released just last night electronically and printed today, many need more time to look into the budget more fully before being required to vote on it. What are the mechanisms to make this happen? We would need another congregational meeting within the month, but no date set, could be at the June 5th meeting or after a service. Another concern is that Catherine is resigning and that there is not a treasurer on the proposed slate of officers. Motion to table the budget fails with 8 for, 30 against, and 4 abstentions. The budget will be voted on at this time.

It is pointed out that there are mechanisms for controlling the budget during the year. The original motion to pass the budget passes with 4 abstentions, 5 against. Motion carried.

VIII. Endowment Grants

Chuck Leone

The Endowment Committee considered 4 requests for funding. Total available \$18,600. All were approved by the committee and are forwarded to the congregation for approval. A motion to approve all 4 requests is made by Lynn MacDonald and seconded by Alice Bentley. Motion carries.

IX. Elections

Anne Mannix

Melanie Smith-Guillaume presents slate from Nominating Committee . The motion is made to accept slate as presented. Motion carries.

Janet Bogar approved for Endowment committee.

Open treasurer position nominations from the floor. Elena Wake agrees to take the position for one year to finish Catherine's term. There is consensus to approve this.

Nominating Committee slate Anne Mannix, Jim Curlee and Barb Carmichael. Need alternate, Gary Metzler. No opposition.

X. Review of Committee Reports

Anne Mannix

No questions at this time

XI. Volunteer of the Year Award

Anne Mannix

The award this year will be awarded to Dan and Lois Holm for their work with the Peace and Justice Committee and Care Committee.

XII. Other Business?

Anne Mannix

David Groff moves to provide budget information no less than 15 days before the Annual Meeting. Seconded by Barbara Williams. Our bylaws preclude any new business that was not in the meeting notice that was announced from the pulpit and sent 10 days prior to the meeting. Motion is withdrawn.

XIII. Anne Mannix invites a motion from the floor to adjourn. Motion made by Barbara Boyd and seconded by Janet Bogar at 1:03 p.m. Motion carries.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Kay Azar

Secretary, Board of Trustees