

Unity of Madison Annual Meeting
February 28,2021

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

1. Call to Order - President Steve Roberts
2. Opening Prayer - Rev. Evin Wilkins.
Rev Evin opened with at moment of silence in remembrance of Garrett Walters, Carl Landsness and Ken Munkres.
3. Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes - Secretary Jean Tupper.
Tyrone Bell move to approve the 2020 Annual Minutes and there was unanimous consent.
4. Election of New Board Members - Tyrone Bell
Tyrone read the qualifications of board members and the names of the candidates running for the 2021 board of trustees: Joanne Ruzicka and Denise Landkamer as alternates, and Elaine Stebleton and Rymii Kaio for three year terms. There were no nominations from the floor. There was unanimous consent for all candidates to fill the vacancies on the board. Denny Balish and Jean Tupper retired from the board.
5. Selection of 2021 Nominations Committee - Steve Roberts.
Katy Sticha and Kay Fraizer volunteered to be members of the committee.
6. President's Report - Steve Roberts
Steve shared that this past year all board meetings were held on Zoom. He recognized the success that Unity has had to be able to have groups and classes on-line during this pandemic. Also, the music videos and videos of messages of guest speakers was well received. He expressed appreciation to all the time and talent and financial support of our spiritual community.

Steve highlighted some new teams at work this year: Streams of Income Committee, Growth Committee, Maintenance and a Policy and Procedures team.

Joanne Ruzicka, Dee Steele, Mindy Wilkins, Lynn Weber, and Katherine Kiesch are our office volunteers on Monday through Thursday. They are doing an excellent service to our community.

Last, a thank you to Deny Balish and Jean Tupper for their board service.

7. Treasurer's Report - Nancy Sundal

Nancy provided an in-depth review of our finances. Starting out, she expressed thanks to our office volunteers who through their service have helped us to save money.

Noted were the PPP loan during this pandemic and that Unity of Madison did not qualify for a second loan. The 2021 budget was reviewed and explained that along with service of our office volunteers and the eliminations of some bank fees we found ways to save money.

A small amount from the BFOF (Building For Our Future) account was used for maintenance (hot water heater was replaced, three new apple laptop computers, and replaced phone system.).

Much appreciation to our spiritual community for their tithes and gifts. We look to our future with interest in increasing our streams of income possibilities once the pandemic is over and the building can be open again. The budget is doable and conservative, and Unity does not have any debt.

The approval of the 2021 budget was 100% via Zoom.

8. Minister's Report - Rev. Evin Wilkins.

Rev. Evin shared a list of ongoing activities. He works weekly with our volunteer staff, the graphic artist for the slide presentations, with board members on the budget, website updates and facilitating and scheduling contract services. Rev. Evin helped to hire our current CPA firm (Giersch). He has been facilitating book studies and small groups on Zoom as well as teaching an Absolute Abundance class with a minister at a Dallas TX Unity church.

Hospital and home visits are ongoing for spiritual needs and coaching. He helped the Nomination committee in vetting qualified board candidates and taught membership classes.

9. Bylaw Changes - Steve Roberts

Steve clarified the language contradiction between Article VI, Section 11, Item H and Article VI, Section 14, Item A about when a board trustee retires before their term is up, and how an alternate takes their place.

Also due to the pandemic he explained the need to add to the Bylaws, Article XIII - Emergency Situations (to have meetings on-line when as a community we can't meet in person at the church building).

Katy Sticha moved to accept the proposed bylaw changes and it was seconded by Tyrone Bell. The motion carried.

10. Open Floor Discussion.

Ari-John expressed appreciation to Rev. Evin for answering the call to be our minister, to the board of trustees, Pete Calgaro, and Martin for our live streaming.

Carol Harm asked for any thoughts on when we can reopen our church and Rev. Evin suggested the possibility of Easter with limited capacity and masks.

Nancy informed the community of the possibility that our Unity building could be used as a polling place in April and that this could be good for our profile in the community. Jeanie Verschay expressed appreciation to the Unity community and for the help of Mindy Wilkins.

11. Adjourn Meeting - Steve Roberts

12. Closing Prayer - Rev. Evin Wilkins

Submitted by Jean Tupper - Secretary