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UUSD June 13, 2021 Annual Meeting 11:00 a.m. via Zoom Minutes

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting were given by the Rev. Paula Maiorano.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Joanne Saltzberg, President, UUSD Board of Trustees, who chaired the meeting.

Rev. Paula and President Saltzberg presented a Year in Review, summarizing UUSD's accomplishments and unprecedented challenges during FY2020. The Congregation's response to the COVID-19 crisis was to "pivot and make things happen."

Eighth Principle Initiative

Betty Kirk, Chair of the Adult Religious Education Subcommittee, described the group's Eighth Principle Initiative. The effort will offer members and friends many opportunities throughout the coming year to learn about the Eighth Principle, discuss its merits, consider its implications (if adopted), and prepare to vote on its adoption at the 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Quorum Count

Marj Shannon, Board Secretary declared that a quorum was present, noting seventy "views" open, with 11 containing more than one member.

Elections

Leadership Development Chair Pat Schaeffer presented candidates for Board of Trustees:

- Laura Borsdorf
- Mac Goekler
- Ruth Lamothe
- Jane Miller
- Richard Wheeler

She invited comments from any write-in candidates; no candidates presented themselves.

Leadership Development Committee Chair Pat Schaeffer presented candidates for the Leadership Development Committee:

- Linda DeFeo
- Ellen Loewy

She invited comments from any write-in candidates; no candidates presented themselves.

Candidates had introduced themselves at a May 30 Candidates Forum, and again at a June 6 Information Session; they did not repeat their remarks in this meeting.

Board Secretary Marj Shannon gave instructions on completing the electronic ballot and provided a link to the ballot using the “chat” function of Zoom. (The e-ballot had been available to the Congregation since the June 6 Information Session.)

Motions

Motion 1: moved by Marj Shannon, Board Secretary, to approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2020 Annual Meeting and the Minutes of the May 2, 2021 Special Congregational Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mac Goekler.

Motion 2: moved by David Dagenais, Finance Officer, to approve the Operating Budget of \$313,021 and Capital Budget of \$3,000 for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 (FY22). Motion was seconded by Betty Kirk.

Motion 3: moved by Susan Goekler, Co-Chair of the Social & Environmental Committee, to approve the revised Resolution of Conscience. Motion was seconded by Jeff Cordiano.

Special Reports

Brief reports were presented:

- Executive team: Donna Dolce
- Music Ministries: Director of Music Ministries Julie Keefer
- Leadership Development Committee—a Standing Committee: Pat Schaeffer.

Special Recognitions

President Saltzberg noted that volunteer appreciation would be part of the June 20 worship service. She added that she wanted to especially recognize, at this time:

- Rev. Paula, for coming out of retirement and shepherding us through this past year;
- Board members, both past and present, for their sincere dedication to the best interests of UUSD;
- The Worship Team for above-and-beyond service; and
- Our late, treasured UUSD and Board member, Len Bowman, whose passing left such a hole in the heart of the Board and our congregation.

Report on the Ballot

Marj Shannon, Board Secretary, provided a report on the ballot: members cast a total of 114 ballots: 112 electronically and two in hard copy. The hard copy ballots were data

entered to enable electronic tally.

She further reported that:

- All three motions passed, with at least 95 percent of voting members approving each;
- Linda DeFeo and Ellen Loewy were elected to the Leadership Development Committee; and
- Laura Borsdorf, Jane Miller, and Richard Wheeler were elected to the Board of Trustees.

President Saltzberg thanked all candidates who presented themselves as candidates for election.

Going Forward

President Saltzberg offered her well wishes to all in attendance, reminding them that we at UUSD are “never alone.”

Rev. Paula extinguished the virtual chalice, inviting everyone to attend the June 20 outdoor service. That service will be the last of her interim term at UUSD.

President Saltzberg called for a motion to adjourn; Kris Acker so moved, with a second by Paul Barnett. The 2021 Annual Meeting of UUSD adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marj Shannon
Board Secretary