



UUSD June 12th 2022 Annual Meeting

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11:30 AM UUSD Sanctuary

Opening words and Chalice Lighting were given by Rev Heather Rion Starr.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Marj Shannon, President UUSD Board of Trustees who chaired the meeting,

Following a brief welcome from Marj, Rev. Heather presented a short photographic “year in review” that captured memorable moments from USSD last year.

Quorum Count Alice Casey, Board Secretary, declared that a quorum was present, noting more than 57 members had checked in and received ballots.

Elections for Board of Trustees Donna Davis, Co-chair of Leadership Development, presented candidates for Board of Trustees:

- **Christine Leslie**
- **Linda Marsden.**

These candidates had introduced themselves at the June 2 Candidate Forum. They did not repeat their remarks at this meeting.

Following an invitation for write-in candidates:

- **Paul Barnette**
- **Kent Sprunger**

placed their names as Write-In Candidates for UUSD Board of Trustees. Each gave a personal presentation of their background, experience, and interest in serving.

Elections for Leadership Development Ellen Loewy, Co-chair of Leadership Development, presented candidates for Leadership Development Committee:

- **Donna Davis**
- **Pam Everett.**

These candidates had introduced themselves at the June 2 Candidate Forum. They did not repeat their remarks at this meeting.

Following an invitation for write-in candidates:

- **Kaz Huston**

placed her name as Write In Candidate for UUSD Leadership Development Committee and gave a presentation of her background, experience, and interest in serving.

Voting Procedures Board Secretary, Alice Casey, gave instructions on the paper ballot format, write in candidate spaces, voting for BOT and LDC candidates and the five motions on the paper ballot and the ballot collection process.

Motions

MOTION 1: Move to approve meeting minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting, June 13, 2021. Moved by: Alice Casey and seconded by Ron Schaeffer.

MOTION 2: Move to approve Operating Fund Budget and Capital Fund Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 (FY23). Moved by: Richard Wheeler, Co-Finance Officer, and seconded by Ron Schaeffer.

MOTION 3: Move to revise UUSD Bylaws to include “investment” responsibilities among the duties assigned to the Finance Officer. Moved by: Ron Schaeffer, Chair Finance Committee, and seconded by Jean Charles.

MOTION 4: Move to approve the Resolution of Conscience as Revised. Moved by: Susan & Mac Goekler, Co-chairs Social & Environmental Justice Committee, and seconded by Chris Leslie.

MOTION 5: Move to adopt the 8th Principle. Moved by: Susan Goekler, 8th Principle Team, and seconded by Don Peterson.

Special Reports

Julie Keefer reported on the choir’s work over the past two years. She expressed her deep appreciation for everyone's efforts to assure there was music for services despite many pandemic-related challenges. She gave a special "shout out" to Jaclyn Keefer for working above-and-beyond to produce the virtual choir recordings.

Special Recognition

- Gary & Lin Schmidt were recognized for the generous, interest-free loan they made to UUSD some years ago. The loan will be repaid later this year. Gary announced that while the loan would indeed be repaid, an amount equal to that repaid (\$100,000) will be returned to UUSD in a tax-advantageous way.
- Valerie and Leroy Andrews were recognized for the \$100,000 donation they made this past year to UUSD to provide “seed money” to the expansion fund.
- The first grants made possible through a bequest by Roy Parks, targeted for Social & Environmental Justice work, are being awarded. The four Sussex County organizations receiving these initial grants are: PFLAG, West Side New Beginnings, La Esperanza, and Primeros Pasos Early Learning Center.

Report on the Balloting

Alice Casey, Board Secretary, reported members cast a total of 112 ballots: 98 in person, 14 in absentee. She reported:

- Paul Barnette, Christine Leslie, Linda Marsden, and Kent Sprunger were elected to the Board of Trustees.
- Dona Davis, Pam Everett, and Kaz Huston were elected to the Leadership Development Committee.
- All 5 motions carried. The revised language on the sub-question of the wording of the 8th Principle — “The liberation, transformation and love that comes with dismantling racism and all oppressions in ourselves and in our society.” — prevailed.

Going Forward

Marj offered closing remarks noting UUSD had done the business of an Annual Meeting; elected leaders; approved a budget for the upcoming fiscal year; and reached critical decisions on items presented for congressional vote. She encouraged everyone to continue to move UUSD forward honoring the decisions reached, supporting our leaders, and working within the agreed budget. She reiterated that as noted often during this year's pledge campaign — “There are great things ahead for UUSD.”

Extinguishing the Chalice Rev. Heather and Marj Shannon extinguished the chalice.

Adjournment The June 12, 2022 Annual Meeting of UUSD adjourned at 1:50 pm.