

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice
Annual Meeting – March 19, 2022
Minutes

Chalice Lighting & Opening Words

Pamela Palmer, President of the Board of Trustees, lit the chalice and offered as opening words the poem “The Peace of Wild Things” written by Wendell Berry.

Call to Order & Establishing of a Quorum

Meeting called to order by President Pamela MacFarlane at 10:16 a.m. Linda Underwood reported that 66 voting members of the 204 eligible voting members were present. Quorum established.

UUCOV Covenant Reading

The covenant was read by Barbara Gundy.

Approval of Minutes of the March 2021 Annual Meeting

The motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2021 annual meeting as distributed was made by Pat Wellington and seconded by Steve Leapley. No discussion, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

The motion was made by Serena Cannarelli and seconded by Kay Bugenhagen to approve the agenda as distributed. No discussion, motion carried.

Charitable Giving Collections

Pam spoke of the process for determining selecting four nonprofits as the designated recipients for the year with three of the monthly offerings being given to each. The motion to designate contributions to: All Faiths Food Bank, CHAPS (Charlotte HIV/AIDS People Support), Family Promise of South Sarasota County’s Open-Door Program, and Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services as proposed was made by Pat Franks and seconded by Linda Underwood. No discussion, motion carried.

Slate for the Board of Trustees & Nominating Committee

Pam thanked the Nominating Committee for their work in putting forward a slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees positions and for two members to serve on next year’s Nominating Committee.

The motion was made by Richard Palmer and seconded by Joel Morrison to accept the slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee for Board of Trustees including:

President (two year term)	Jack Head
Vice-President (one year term)	Steve Leapley
Secretary (one year term)	Moe Morison
Treasurer (two year term)	Ken Boysworth

Trustee (two year term)

Pat Wellington

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Bill Reynolds

And for one year terms for the Nominating Committee:

Eileen Leapley

Frances Storey

No discussion, motion carried.

Fiscal Year April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 Budget

The motion was made by Peggy Drogosch and seconded by Steve Leapley to accept the proposed annual budget as presented. Questions were raised relating to several fiscal areas including: endowments, capital funds, reserves, and pledge considerations.

Following discussion, the motion carried.

Changes to ByLaws

The motion was made by Jack Head and seconded by Ken Boysworth to adopt changes to the ByLaws as proposed. Discussion followed related to Article X – “Selection and Termination of Ministers,” Section 2 – “Settled Minister,” Paragraph A, “Search Committee.” An amendment to this section was proposed relating to the removal of the second sentence in its entirety and addition of the following sentence: “The Board and Congregation are guided by the current UUA guidelines regarding formation of a Search Committee.” Motion was made by Jean Spitzer and seconded by Steve Leapley to adopt the ByLaws as proposed including the amendment to Article X, Section 2, Paragraph A.

Following discussion, Dave Lyon called for a vote. Motion carried.

Report – Interim Minister Search

Janet Knudsen reported on behalf of the current Interim Minister Search Committee consisting of herself, Dave Williams, and Beverly Lieberman. Jack Head and Donna Jewett were thanked for having served on the Committee. Janet reviewed chronological steps of the process. First, was filling the pulpit for initial six months. This step has been accomplished. Second, is submission of the application to UUA for an Interim Minister. This application, due for submission on/by April 22, is currently in the process of being completed. Interim Search Committee is currently soliciting input from the congregation on two questions: what strengths are we looking for and what areas do we want our Interim Minister to be focusing on while with us. Feedback is being solicited through April 10.

Remembrances

Members of our congregation who have died this past year were remembered:

Bonnie Norton – April 5, 2021

Earl Baumruck – May 6, 2021

Dave Jewett – August 19, 2021

Ray Bennett – November 3, 2021

Hal Schafer – December 22, 2021

Jack Smith – January 14, 2022

Gratitude & Closing Words

Pam expressed her gratitude to the Congregation for the honor of having allowed her to serve as President of the Board of Trustees these past two years. She extended special thanks to: Hal Schafer, Dave Williams, Steve and Eileen Leapley, Dave Lyon, Claire Harrison, Tom Voigt, Richard Cannarelli, Ruth Boysworth, Mo Morison, Barb Smith, Linda Underwood, Jack Head, Barbara Buering, Thom Reeves, and Dick Smith.

Newly elected President Jack Head thanked the Congregation and extended the thanks of the Board to Pam Palmer, Dave Lyon, and Claire Harrison for their work during their tenure as Board members.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Harrison, Secretary