

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento
Congregational Meeting
October 22, 2017

Minutes

Welcome and call to order

- A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order by President Margaret Wilcox.
- Rev. Roger Jones gave the Invocation

Approve minutes of May 21 Congregational Meeting

- Minutes of the May 21 2017 Congregational Meeting were approved as offered.

President's Report

- President Margaret Wilcox introduced the members of the Board.
- The President discussed the roles and responsibilities of committees in this large congregation. The Board has confidence in its committee members, and pledges effective leadership. Board members are assigned as liaisons to the Program Council and committees reporting to the Board. Reports from the Board liaisons are a standing item on the agenda of each Board meeting.
- The President discussed the long range planning efforts underway to determine UUSS goals for the next five years. The Long Range Planning committee is holding a congregational retreat next Saturday. There will be food and it is guaranteed to be "not boring." Non-members are especially welcomed.

Treasurer's Report - Gordon Gerwig

- Income
 - Pledges brought in 2/3 of the budget (\$646,000); plate collections 10%; building rents 7%; fundraising activities 6% and other events 4%.
 - Pledge revenue was 101% of budgeted; Plate revenue 130% of budgeted; Auction revenue was 122% of budgeted;
 - Total income for the year was 106% of the amount budgeted.
- Expenses
 - Minister and staff salaries and benefits were 2/3 of the budget and utilities were 6%.
 - Property taxes increased from \$4400 to \$9600; Utilities were \$6,200 over budget.

- Total expenses were 111% of amount budgeted.
- The year ended with a total deficit of \$11,280 over budget and \$20,000 from savings used.
- The treasurer reminded the congregation that finance meetings are always open to members. New fund-raising policy handouts were presented.

Endowment Trust Report

- Fred Deneke provided an explanation and update for the Endowment Trust.

Ministers' Reports

- Rev. Roger Jones and Rev. Lucy Bunch gave reports. Highlights were:
 - Long range planning and the creation of a Strategic Plan
 - Social action - Participation in anti-racism and earth justice activities. UUSS should be seen as a place that makes justice and is a force for healing in the world.
 - UUSS continues to participate in interfaith activities

Vote to Call Doug Kraft as Emeritus Minister

- Roger discussed the role and responsibilities of an Emeritus Minister.
- The congregation will vote to call Rev. Douglas Kraft as UUSS Emeritus Minister as part of the written ballot.

Unsung Hero Award

- On behalf of the Program Council And the congregation, Deirdre Downes awarded the Unsung Hero award to Nancy Oprsal

Community Partners Election

- Nominators spoke on behalf of the following organizations:
 - United Cerebral Palsy; Recreate for Health; Effie Yeaw Nature Center; Black Lives Matter; Welcome Home Housing; Opening Doors; International Rescue Committee; Family Promise
- Written ballot provided

Adjournment

- Motion by Mary Howard, second by Sally Wilkins