

**Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento**

**Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

**Minutes**

**1. Establish quorum, call to order and welcome: Sally White, Board of Trustees, President**

A quorum was established. (115 members signed the roster.) President Sally White called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed all attendees.

**2. Invocation: Rev. Dr. Roger Jones**

Rev. Dr. Roger Jones further welcomed attendees and gave a thoughtful invocation.

**3. Review agenda and meeting procedures: Sally White**

President Sally White reviewed the meeting agenda as well the procedures for this meeting. Attendees received a handout consisting of the meeting agenda, the minutes from the May 19, 2018 congregational meeting, a copy of the Program Council's "revised charge," and a copy of the annual UUSS Endowment Trust's report.

**4. Approve minutes of the May 2019 congregational meeting (posted on UUSS website)**

The minutes of the May 19, 2019 congregational meeting were approved as written.

**5. President's report: Sally White**

President Sally White announced that there was a vacancy on the UUSS Board of Trustees due to the resignation of Joseph Turner. The position will be filled (following the UUSS Constitution) through appointment by the Board of Trustees.

Sally announced that Rev. Lucy Bunch, who reports to the Board of Trustees, has a new title: Minister of Faith and Justice. Rev. Dr. Roger Jones's title will continue to be Senior Minister.

Board member Roger Olsen lead the congregation's Safety Team. The team arranged for a vulnerability assessment, and the findings were presented to the congregation in August. The Safety Team arranged for the purchase and placement of professional first aid kits and is working on plans for fire drills and procedures for situations involving an active shooter.

The County fire marshal approved the Society's plans for a patio cover.

Implementation of the five-year (July 2019 – June 2024) UUSS Strategic Plan is underway.

Regarding the "infrastructure and organizational" area, two new task forces are under development: (1) leadership development and (2) communication. Sally asked that those who are interested in being considered for membership on either of these task forces to please contact her.

"Thank you" was extended to all who assisted in preparing for the meeting (including the Spirit Play students who, with Glory Wicklund, made the delicious fruit cups). Sally thanked all UUSS members and friends who are involved with Society activities and encouraged continued and increased volunteerism at UUSS.

**6. Treasurer's report: Victoria Owens, Board of Trustees, Treasurer**

Victoria Owens presented four projections (pie chart format): 2018-19 Actual Revenue, 2018-19 Actual Expenses, 2019-2020 Budgeted Revenue, and 2018-2019 Budgeted Expenses.

Victoria's announcement that the Society is actively paying down its mortgage debt was met with applause.

**7. Ministers' reports: Rev. Dr. Roger Jones and Rev. Lucy Bunch**

Rev. Dr. Roger Jones and Rev. Lucy Bunch highlighted their many and varied activities within the church, the local community, the region, and the denomination. Some of these are teaching theology classes, organizing Spiritual Deepening Circles, sponsoring guest ministers, and working with many programs of Sacramento Congregations Together. UUSS is notable for its multi-faceted music program, strong religious education department, new family ministry team, and its financial support of "community partners."

**8. Program Council's report: Michael Miller, Chair**

Chair Michael Miller reported that the UUSS Program Council has revised its charter. The Program Council is actively employing the UUSS Strategic Plan to focus its activities. The Program Council is available to provide guidance to UUSS groups through phases of establishment, initial growth and sustained development. A new, revised "Pathways" brochure will aid UUSS members and friends in becoming involved with the congregational community.

**9. One-minute Introductions to nominated community partners: members of the congregation**

Speakers from the many worthy nominees provided snapshots of their organizations prior to members' ballot completion.

**10. Election of UUSS community partners for 2019 church year (exchange of tickets for ballots; casting of ballots)**

Members were eligible to vote for 12 nominees. 97 ballots were completed.

**11. UUSS Unsung Hero Award: Margaret Wilcox, Program Council**

Margaret Wilcox called three UUSS members to the stage: Jim Eastman, Gary Keill and Jeff Voeller. Applause was thunderous for these three deserving "unsung heroes."

**12. Meeting adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Navarro, Secretary, UUSS Board of Trustees