Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 16, 2021

MINUTES

Board President Sally White called the meeting to order and welcomed congregants at 12:10 p.m. A healthy quorum of 97 members was established and the minutes from the October 2020 Congregational Meeting were approved without dissension or revision.

Sally delivered the **president's report** with special thanks to UUSS staff and our wonderful ministers. She updated the congregation on activities over the past six months including the Safety Committee, Communications Task Force and Physical Gathering Task Force, all of whom have been working hard. The Board has also endorsed the 8th Principle.

Jim Eastman reported on behalf of the **Stewardship Committee**, offering their thanks to committee members and to all pledgers, noting that we have reached 96% of the goal in pledged commitments. The challenges of moving the campaign online were met and exceeded!

Victoria Owens gave a clear and concise **Treasurer's Report**. Terry Ray moved and Kevin Sitter seconded that we approve the proposed 2021-22 budget. The vote was 100% in favor.

Rev. Dr. Roger Jones and Rev. Lucy Bunch gave their **Ministers' Report**, organized by their goals. Among the highlights were our growth in new members, continued offerings of pastoral visits and child/youth RE and Soul Matters ministry; and the hugely successful Auction. We continue to work toward social justice through Mercy Pedalers and the sandwich brigade as well as our engagement with SAC ACT. We continue to deepen our connections with other UU congregations, the Pacific Central District and the UUA. UUSS members are encouraged to attend the upcoming virtual General Assembly in June.

Margaret Wilcox reported on behalf of the **Program Council**, thanking its members and pointing out numerous and diverse activities that have remained vital and active despite the pandemic. Although some have gone on hiatus, many others have stayed alive. In the coming year Program Council will be reaching out to encourage new and existing programs to consider how they might deepen their engagement with our Strategic Plan.

David Harlow introduced the 8th Principle. He then moved and Virginia Johnson (as well as others) seconded that UUSS adopt this principle. The vote was 98% in favor and 2% opposed.

Sally White introduced the <u>slate of candidates</u> for Board and committees. It was approved by 100% of the voting members.

On June 13th, immediately following the service, a special brief Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom to approve ordination of Sangye Hawke, M.Div. a former Student Minister at UUSS, and to approve these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.