

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church UU

Meeting Minutes

~~March 24, 2017~~ March 26, 2017

I. Call to order

Karen Ransom called to order the spring congregational meeting. She acknowledged, in a modest and nonthreatening way, Ellie and herself as lip sync champions for 2017.

II. Quorum

59 members had signed in. With membership at 416, this constituted a quorum (10%) of members.

III. Greetings and Opening Words

Karen Ransom recognized those who assisted with the meeting, including Lynn Heath for taking minutes, Laura Horn for creating the meeting template based on the prior work of Jen Caswell-Colbert, Amy Wissekerke for orienting us to our work, Christina Rivera and Laura Horn as parliamentarians, and all members of the staff and Board. Rev. Wikstrom provided the opening words.

Christina Rivera lit the chalice.

IV. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved with no additions or corrections.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the October 2, 2016, were approved as written.

Confirm Board appointments since the last meeting

Laura Horn, representing the Leadership Development Committee, reported that openings still exist on the Board, those of Secretary and one at-large position. The motion was made and seconded to appoint Annalee Durland-Jones as a Member to the Board of Trustees. There being no further nominations from the floor, Annalee Durland-Jones was appointed by acclamation to the Board.

The motion was made and seconded to appoint Adam Slate as President-Elect of the Board of Trustees. There being no further nominations from the floor, Adam Slate was appointed by acclamation to the Board.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Ann Salamini read the treasurer's report.

This report covers July 2016 through month end February 2017. At 66% of the way through the fiscal year we have revenues of \$ 319,440 and expenses of \$336,209. This is a larger than usual cash flow difference due to February being a shorter month and one deposit falling into March.

As you will recall the FY17 budget included \$11K in undesignated fundraising revenue and a \$12K budget gap. I'm pleased to report that we have narrowed that combined \$23K gap to just \$7K projected at present with both Board and staff working hard to close that gap.

Our hearty congratulations to the Yard Sale and Fall Auction crews each of which exceeded their budgeted revenue targets. We look forwards to seeing everyone at the Spring Auction with some new fun and exciting surprises!

The budget, this year's and previous year's financial records are always available in the Church Office and you are welcome to make an appointment to chat with our part-time Director of Administration and Finance, Christian Rivera about any questions you have on our financial reports.

VII. Ordination Request by Pam Philips

Rev. Wikstrom presented information about ordination process.

Representing the Committee for Ordination, Sally Taylor provided information about the financial realities of ordination, the membership of the committee (Donna Baker, Jamie McReynolds, Bev Thierwechter, Amy Wisskerke). If approved, the ordination will be held Saturday, June 3, 2017.

The Committee has received approval from the Finance Committee to solicit tax deductible contributions to pay for the ordination. Anticipated costs include travel and hospitality for visiting clergy and a reception following. Individual members of the congregation are invited to make donations of no more than \$25 towards the total cost of \$2500. Any excess money collected will be used to support future ministerial candidates. Contributors are asked to indicate whether they would like their donations to be of record (in order to facilitate claiming them for tax purposes).

Several members of the Congregation spoke in favor of Pam's ordination. The question was called when it became apparent no one wished to speak in dissent.

The motion to ordain Pamela K. Philips, MDiv., was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

VIII. Update on Governance

Karen Ransom discussed the recommendations of the Governance Task Force. These recommendations will be voted on by the Congregation at the June 4, 2017, meeting. There will be opportunities before that time to ask questions and express concerns. Members are invited to ask questions of any Board members, all of whom can be identified by nametags with distinctive rainbow coloring. Since the agenda for the June meeting will also include the budget and other items, there will be limited time for discussion. Members are therefore urged to express concerns at the other opportunities for discussion of these recommendations.

The recommendations of the Task Force on Governance, along with reports of discussions already held, is available on the Task Force [page](#) of the church website.

Karen thanked the members of the task force, including Sally Taylor and Bev Thierwechter, co-chairs, Donna Baker, Lorie Craddock, Jamie McReynolds, and Pam Philips.

IX. Closing Words

Provided by Leia Durland-Jones

X. Adjournment

Karen Ransom adjourned the meeting once it was moved and agreed upon.

Minutes submitted by: Lynn Heath

Minutes approved by: [Karen Ransom and Laura Horn](#)