

2021 UUCD Annual Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2021

Welcome and Appreciation was provided by co-president David Broadwell.

Quorum: Jane Gilley, Board Secretary, announced the presence of a quorum of 32 with a total number of participants at 63.

Meeting Covenant was presented by Sarah Monahan

Invocation was provided by Rev. Bruce Johnson.

Land Acknowledgement Statement was provided by Katie Kline

Chalice Lighting was done by Sarah Guritz.

Parliamentarian for this meeting was Alison Lutterman.

MOTION TO LIMIT DISCUSSION by Ann Fryberger: The motion is to limit discussion to two minutes per participant speaker per motion, with the option that once everyone who wishes to speak has done so, a speaker may have an additional minute to speak. If a participant speaker asks a question, the responder to the question may have a minute to answer the question, even if that responder has already spoken. Seconded by Alisa DeRider.

MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING by Jane Gilley: The motion is to accept the minutes of the June 30, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting. Seconded by Kate Wigren.

MOTION APPROVED

ELECTIONS presented by the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Koresh Lakhan.

MOTION TO ELECT ANN FRYBERGER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS by Koresh Lakhan. The motion is to accept the Nominating Committee's nomination of Ann Fryberger, serving as an interim member of the Board of Trustees this past year, to fill the remaining two years of her term on the Board. Seconded by David Broadwell. **MOTION APPROVED.**

MOTION TO ELECT TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS by Koresh Lakhan. The motion is to accept the Nominating Committee's nominations of Barb Montee and Russ Mattson to positions with three year terms on the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Alisa DeRider.

MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION TO ELECT BOARD PRESIDENT by Koresh Lakhan. The motion is to accept the Nominating Committee's nomination of Ann Fryberger to serve as President of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Therese Presley. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Note: Alisa DeRider will be elected for an interim position by the 2021-2022 Board of Trustees; The Nominating Committee inadvertently left her name off their 2021 report.

MOTION TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE by Koresh Lakhan. The motion is to elect Koresh Lakhan (Board) to a two year term as a member of the Nominating Committee. Seconded by Therese Presley.

Point of order by Barb Montee: Koresh is already serving a term on the Nominating Committee and believes his term is not expiring so he is not eligible. Alison Lutterman suggested tabling the motion to determine when his term expires.

MOTION TO TABLE THE MOTION TO ELECT KORESH LAKHAN TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE by Geiger Yount. Second by Sue Dailey. **MOTION TO TABLE APPROVED.**

MOTION TO ELECT MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE by Koresh Lakhan. The motion to elect Russ Maron (Nominating Committee) to a two year term as a member of the Nominating Committee. Second by Sue Dailey. **MOTION APPROVED.**

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR TO ELECT MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE by Jill Lakhan. The motion is to accept the nomination from the floor for Clara Weitz to serve a two year term on the Nominating Committee. Seconded by Anita Campbell. Discussion: Clarified that Clara was consulted and was in agreement. **MOTION APPROVED.**

MOTION TO ELECT MEMBER OF THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE by Koresh Lakhan. The motion is to elect James Seitz, nominated by the Nominating Committee, to a three year term on the Endowment Committee. Seconded by Ann Fryberger. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Discussion: Clarified that a special meeting will be needed to add an additional member to the Endowment Committee. One person's term has expired, so Jim is a replacement. The special meeting is needed as the amount in the Endowment has reached a level that requires two members be added; however, this was determined after the nominating committee report had been submitted.

Geiger Yount point of order: Geiger reviewed the Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting and determined that Koresh was not elected last year. So he is eligible to be elected this year. Alison agreed and suggested it be brought up at the end of the meeting after all other

business has been conducted.

Woven Basket Selected Recipients announced by Sue Dailey, Member of the Woven Basket Committee.

10 have been selected; March recipient is always CHUM and December's recipient is chosen by our congregation's youth. The top vote getters included the following, including a tie:

- AICHO
- CJMM-Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial
- Damiano Center
- Life House
- One Roof
- Safe Haven Shelter and Resource Center
- Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank
- University Nursery School Scholarship for a Child Living in Poverty
- WE Clinic
- Duluth Sister Cities International (TIE)
- Together for Youth (TIE)

Discussion: There was a tie for the tenth recipient between Sister Cities and Together for Youth. The Committee is asking for a run off election to break the tie. Both recipients in the past but youth just added in May, so wouldn't get funds until winter.

Although Sue Dailey moved to hold a vote to break the tie between the two organizations and Anita Campbell seconded, Alison objected to the poll as it did not allow for an option for proxies or for folks who were sharing a computer.

Suggested that splitting the month between the two is also a possibility although a concern was raised that this deviates from tradition.

MOTION TO HAVE THE WOVEN BASKET COMMITTEE DECIDE BETWEEN THE TWO TIED ORGANIZATIONS by Will Munger. Second by Alisa DeRider.

Discussion: There are three people on the committee.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO ALLOW A SPLIT OF FUNDS BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS by Carol Wallace and accepted by the original maker of the motion and by the second of the original motion.

MOTION TO HAVE WOVEN BASKET COMMITTEE DECIDE BETWEEN THE TWO TIED ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET by Ann Fryberger. The motion is to accept the proposed Operating Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Seconded

by Kathy Heltzer.

Point of Order: Suggested that people use raised hand to debate an issue rather than using the chat. Alison suggested it be accepted.

Discussion:

- 78% of pledging units increased their pledges.
- Presenting the budget quarterly to the congregation has been helpful in increasing understanding of the budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2021 OPERATING BUDGET APPROVED.

Presentation by Affirming and Welcoming Committee members Kathleen Culhane, Stephanie Vega and Laure Charleux.

MOTION ON GENDER NEUTRAL SIGNAGE by Laure Charleux. The motion is that the signage on the restroom doors in the UUCD building be changed to a gender neutral format, using signage such as that which has been shown. For the sake of privacy, that a curtain be installed in front of the urinals, and for sanitary concern, that a disposal for feminine products be placed in each toilet stall. Seconded by Stephanie Vega.

Discussion:

- Therese asked if a designation for a baby changing station will be indicated? Not sure if it's available but will try.
- Clarification on where signs will go; the signs indicating urinals will be used for men's bathroom.
- Treasure clarify there are 3 restrooms; one by kitchen says unisex; suggestion is to have a graphic description to ID bathroom use.

MOTION ON GENDER NEUTRAL SIGNAGE APPROVED.

MOTION TO REMOVE MOTION ON ELECTION OF KORESH LAKHAN FROM THE TABLE by Geiger Yount. Seconded by Bill Sozansky. **MOTION APPROVED.**

MOTION TO ELECT MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The motion is to elect Koresh Lakhan (Board) to a two year term as a member of the Nominating Committee. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Introduction of Stacy Craig who will be serving as our intern was made by Rev. Bruce Johnson.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members was given by Ann Fryberger and acknowledged the contributions and service of Julie McDonnell, Russ Maron, Cherie Bridges, and David

Broadwell. (*Bridges and Broadwell continue on the Board of Trustees*)

Sarah Guritz Extinguish the Chalice

Adjournment announced by Ann Fryberger Motion, Second by David Broadwell.