

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH WEST
SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023 AT 11:30 A.M.**



April 20, 2023

Dear UUCW Members,

This year's Annual Meeting will convene in-person at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Voting Member registration for the meeting and distribution of ballots will begin shortly after the end of the 10:00 A.M. service. Only voting members are eligible to participate and vote at the meeting. The meeting will be available for viewing on the church website through Local Live.

This mailing includes the agenda, minutes for the June 5, 2022 Annual Meeting, and bios for nominees. If you have questions, please contact the Board of Trustees: board@uucw.org.

Our Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of candidates for positions on the Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee and Endowment Fund Committee. The UUCW bylaws provide for **Nomination by Petition** for positions on the Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, and Endowment Fund Committee as set forth in Bylaws Section X.B.1.b(ii) below:

Nomination by Petition

Persons who meet the qualifications for any office may be nominated by Petition as follows:

- (ii) Following publication of the nominations by the Secretary, any Church Member may be nominated by petition to the Board containing not less than ten signatures of Church Members, providing such petitions are submitted not less than 25 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Bylaws Section X.B.1.b(iv) further provides that "Only such persons who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee or by Petition may be placed on the ballot. Nominations from the floor are prohibited."

Nominations by Petition must be received by Colleen Gresk, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, by May 9, 2023.

Mail Ballots: Section VI.E of the UUCW Bylaws provides for voting by mail as follows:

Action by Written Ballot

With regard to any action that may be taken at an annual, regular or special meeting of the members (including the election of trustees but excluding any vote to call or dismiss a minister), a Voting Member may vote by mail on ballot forms provided by the Church. The Secretary or designees shall verify the membership status of each person attending a meeting of the Members or requesting an advance ballot and shall distribute only to those qualified to vote. The ballot form shall set forth each proposed action known in advance and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. The ballot form may not be revoked.

Please contact Colleen Gresk, at cbgresk@gmail.com, by May 19th if you wish to vote by mail. Absentee ballots must be received by the church office on June 2, 2023.

A copy of the budget for 2023-24 will be included in the Annual Report. Copies of the Annual Report will be available in the foyer of the church by May 25, 2023.

Childcare will be available by reservation. Please contact the church office by Monday, May 22 at uucw@uucw.org or (262) 782-3535. The names and ages of children needing care will be collected.

We encourage all UUCW voting members to attend the Annual Meeting. A quorum equaling ten percent (10%) of voting members is required to conduct business. It is also a good opportunity to see our democratic process in action.

Sincerely,

Colleen Gresk

Colleen Gresk – Secretary, Board of Trustees (Enclosures)

Unitarian Universalist Church West
Annual Meeting Agenda -- Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 11:30 A.M

- 1) Call to order: Rob Zimmerman, President
- 2) Ascertain 10% quorum: Colleen Gresk, Secretary
- 3) Chalice lighting
- 4) Appoint Parliamentarian
- 5) Approve Agenda
- 6) Consensus Item: Minutes – June 5, 2022 UUCW Annual Meeting
- 7) Open member input - *Members may attend and speak. Each Member's speaking time is limited to three minutes.*
- 8) Minister's message: Rev. Julie Stoneberg
- 9) Treasurer's Report: Leslie Peterson
- 10) Presentation of 2023-2024 Operating Budget (as approved by the Board of Trustees)
- 11) Endowment Committee Report
- 12) Nominating Committee Report and Elections
 - i) Board of Trustees nominees: Three-year terms 2023–2026:
 - Kathy White (3-year term)
 - Barbara Holzhauer (3-year term)
 - Erich Zuern (3-year term)
 - ii) Endowment Fund Committee nominees: Three-year terms 2023–2026:
 - Jennifer Vallier (3-year term)
 - iii) Nominating Committee nominees: Two-year terms 2023-2025:
 - Gina Barton (1-year term)
 - Pam Beattie (2-year term)
 - ~~Jeannie Jarecki~~ Scott Kopischke (2-year term)
- 13) Ministerial Search Team – Approval of slate – Joyce Cable, Dave Feil, Natalie Fleury, Tom Levi, Caryl Sewell, and Mark Steinberg
- 14) President's Report: Rob Zimmerman
- 15) UUCW Awards and Recognitions: Pam Beattie
- 16) Closing Words
- 17) Adjourn

Unitarian Universalist Church West
Draft – Annual Meeting Minutes – Sunday, June 5, 2022 – 11:30 AM

1. Call to order – Lisa Larson, President

2. Ascertain a 10% quorum – Colleen Gresk, Secretary. Quorum (46 members in attendance).

3. Chalice lighting – Rev. Denise Cawley

4. Appoint Parliamentarian – Lisa Larson appointed Lee Huempfer. Lee accepted.

5. Approve Agenda

Kathy Bradshaw – Motion to add Member Input on Church Business as #8 and move other items down. Second – Karen Zimmerman. Discussion of setting a time limit and adding the item towards the end of the meeting agenda instead.

Natalie Fleury – Motion that we amend the motion and change the timing of the new item to agenda item #15 and call it New Business and Member Input. Second – Laurie Boddie. Discussion. Approved by majority.

Jeanne Jarecki – Amendment that the new item #15, New Business and Member Input, is held to a 10-minute overall discussion. Second – Suzanne Schalg. No discussion. Approved by majority.

Agenda approved by majority with the amendments.

6. Consensus Item: Minutes – June 6, 2021 UUCW Annual Meeting

Kathy Bradshaw – Motion that we approve the Consensus Item. Second – Karen Zimmerman. Approved by majority.

7. Minister's Message – Rev. Denise Cawley

8. Treasurer's Report – Leslie Peterson

9. Presentation of 2022-2023 Operating Budget (as approved by the Board of Trustees)

10. Endowment Committee Report

11. Nominating Committee Report and Elections

Kathy Bradshaw – Motion to approve the entire slate of candidates. Second – Caryl Sewell. Approved by majority.

12. President's Report – Lisa Larson

13. Ministerial Transition: Interim Minister Search Committee – Natalie Fleury

14. UUCW Awards and Recognitions – Pam Beattie

15. New Business and Member Input – Kathy Bradshaw, Rob Zimmerman, Jeanne Jarecki, Natalie Fleury, Sue Barbian, Rev. Denise Cawley, Suzanne Schalg

16. Closing Words – Lisa Larson

17. Adjourn – Kathy Bradshaw – Motion to adjourn. Second – Jeanne Jarecki. Approved by majority.

Unitarian Universalist Church West - Nominations for Elected Positions 2023

Board of Trustees –

Kathy White- Board of Directors 3-year term 2023-2025

I've been a member of UUCW since 2006. I have proudly served on the Nominating Committee, Worship Ministry team and Lay Pastoral Care group. My wife Cathy and I have participated in adult education classes, Unity Circles, Dinners in the Home, Soul Matters groups, and other activities. Wellspring inspired me to seek a deeper spiritual connection with my Unitarian Universalist faith. The Sunday worship services are uplifting and often lead me to further reflection. I have an M.E.: Ministry from Cardinal Stritch University. More recently I graduated from the Spiritual Guidance Training Program at the Siena Center in Racine as an Inner Wisdom Facilitator. After 29 years together, Cathy and I were married at UUCW last August. We enjoy spending time with her family as well as mine.

Barb Holzhauser- Board of Directors 3-year term 2023-2025

Barb joined the church about a year ago after moving to the area at the height of Covid when almost everything was virtual. Although a relatively new UU, Barb has participated in Milwaukee area activities that align with UU values. She has been involved in Riverkeepers activities and the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee's Amazing Faith Dinner Dialogues. As a participant in UUCW's book groups, Barb has started to make personal connections at UUCW. This year Barb served as co-facilitator of one of the Soul Circle groups. Prior to moving to her current New Berlin condo, Barb was active for many years in North Shore Congregational Church, participating in many work trips and serving as secretary for their Council. When the weather cooperates, Barb enjoys biking, hiking, kayaking and the great free outdoor music in the area. Barb is a retired educator and small business owner.

Erich Zuern - Board of Directors 3-year term 2023-2025

After taking a bit of a breather to work on a start-up and deal with COVID, I have been looking for a way to become more engaged again at church. Offering what skill and experience I have in leadership, communication and finance in service on the Board of Trustees seems like a good match. I have been attending UUCW since 2001 and have served in numerous roles during that time, including teaching RE, chairing a capital campaign, joining a Nicaragua brigade, serving as a board member and president, many years on the finance committee, including time as chair, and on other committees and special projects. I would be honored to serve once more in this role to help ensure a vibrant and sustainable UUCW.

Endowment Committee

Jennifer Vallier - Endowment Committee 3-year term 2023-2025

Jennifer Vallier has been a member of UUCW since May 2008. She is a solo practice attorney with a graduate certificate in nonprofit management, providing expert legal counsel to clients on commercial real estate transactions and nonprofit matters. Jennifer has served UUCW in various ways over the years, including the By-Laws committee, teaching RE, the Split the Plate committee, the East Property Task Force and many volunteer events. She enjoys the UUCW women's book club and appreciates the friendships and opportunities to explore spirituality offered by the UUCW community through Wellspring and other special interest groups.

Nominating Committee

Gina Barton 1-year term 2023-2024

Gina Barton has been a member of UUCW since 2012 and a member of the adult choir's alto section since 2017. She works as an investigative reporter at USA TODAY and is married with two children.

Pam Beattie 2-year term 2023-2025

After college, I worked as a model and commercial actress/spokesperson with Milwaukee and Chicago Agencies. I was an active member of AFTRA/SAG and the Vice

President of the Milwaukee Society of Models. I taught personal development classes to youth throughout the community including MPS, Wisconsin area schools and Journey House before I became the director of John Casablancas. I retired from this position five years ago. I was also a member of PFLAG and served on the Parent Advisory Board for the Elmbrook Schools.

Rick and I have been married 47 years. Our biggest joy is visiting our four adult children and two grandchildren who live all over the country. We came to UUCW seventeen years ago, looking for a spiritual community that shared our values. Over the years, I have been involved with the RE Program, UU Circles, Auctions, Workshops, Managing the Annual Trustee Awards and working with the Ministerial Transitions. I am honored to have served on the UUCW Board of Trustees for the past four years.

Scott Kopischke 2-year term 2023-2024

My name is Scott Kopischke. Joanne and I joined UUCW about three years ago. The past two years, I have been a member of the ROC-19 Committee, and I served a year on the Board of Trustees. I enjoy my opportunities to read in church. Previously, I have served on the boards of two other churches as well as the board of Sunset Playhouse, where I was President.