

## **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 11:39 a.m., Jun. 5, 2022

**Presiding:** Susan Bennett

**Secretary:** Megan Reynolds

**Determination of Quorum:** Megan Reynolds

Megan determined a quorum was present with 63 members attending in person and 40 members attending via Zoom. UUCF has a congregation of 572 members, so this represents about 18 % of the congregation. Megan then explained the online voting procedures. She noted that final vote counts would not be announced until the end of the meeting as a result of the online process.

**Consent Approval of Agenda:** Susan Bennett

Susan explained the unanimous consent process that will be used to vote on the agenda, covenant, minutes from last year's annual meeting and the motion to adjourn. She also explained the process to discuss and vote on the proposed bylaws changes and the proposed budget, which is consistent with procedures used in past congregational meetings.

The agenda passed with unanimous consent.

**Chalice Lighting:** Rev. David A. Miller

**Introduction of Parliamentarians:** Susan Bennett

Wini Atlas and Steve Gold served as parliamentarians for the Annual Meeting.

**Consent Approval of Annual Meeting Covenant:** Victoria Maldonado

Motion to adopt the covenant was approved by unanimous consent.

**Consent Approval of Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting:** Susan Bennett

Motion to adopt the minutes was approved by unanimous consent.

**Congregational Year in Review:** Susan Bennett

Susan reviewed a variety of highlights from a challenging congregational year. She discussed the creativity and dedication staff and leadership demonstrated as UUCF returned to campus for services, special events and RE classes while sustaining online offerings. She emphasized the efforts of UUCF's social justice ministries and the 8th Principle Team.

## **New Business:**

### **Proposed Bylaws Changes for the Endowment Fund Committee:** Mark Magee

Mark reviewed the basics of the Endowment Fund and how it is currently used. He then explained the board's proposed changes and the reasoning behind the changes. As proposed by the board, the Endowment Fund Committee will be discontinued and the board will administer one Endowment Fund, consistent with its existing financial responsibilities to the congregation.

Paul Riddle made a motion to accept the bylaws changes regarding the Endowment Fund as proposed by the board. Dave Anderson seconded the motion.

Ann Wood made a motion to amend the bylaws changes to include language that indicates the Endowment Fund can still be used for Social Justice grants. Ann Wood requested to retain language from the current description of the Endowment Fund Committee that specified "a transparent grant application process" be conducted. Tim Casey seconded the motion. Discussion followed with every congregant who wanted to speak on the issue having the opportunity to do so. After over 30 minutes of discussion, the question was called by David Brummond and seconded by Martha Ades. The amendment passed by a show of hands with 49 people voting in favor of the amendment and 21 people voting against the amendment.

Discussion continued about the proposed bylaws changes until everyone who wished to had a chance to speak. Members then used the electronic ballot to vote. *See chart at end of minutes for a complete vote count.*

### **Proposed 2022-23 Budget:** Darryl Branting

Susan Bennett provided context for the proposed budget for the 2022-23 congregational year. Darryl shared slides that explained the budget that the Board of Directors suggested in detail.

Paul Riddle made a motion to approve the budget. Steve Gold provided a second. A short discussion followed. Members then used the electronic ballot to vote. *See chart at end of minutes for a complete vote count.*

### **Elections:** Craig Bennett, Chair of the Leadership and Nominating Committee

Craig introduced three nominations for the UUCF Board of Directors, each for a 3-year term: David Addis, Hilary Barnes and Stacy Casey. Members then used the electronic ballot to vote. *See chart at end of minutes for a complete vote count.*

Craig introduced three nominations for the Leadership & Nominating Committee, each for a 2-year term: John Kun, Nancy Rooney and Kathy Wilson. Members then used the electronic ballot to vote. *See chart at end of minutes for a complete vote count.*

Thomas Murphy and Laura Richardson were on the electronic ballot for the Endowment Fund Committee. Given that the congregation approved to update the bylaws and discontinue the Endowment Fund Committee, this vote was no longer necessary. *See chart at end of minutes for a complete vote count.*

**Presentation of Annual Awards:** Adrian Hendricks, Dillon Ginley, Karen Wolf and Lydia Lewis

On behalf of the Coordinating Team, Adrian Hendricks presented the Bruce H. Birnbaum Volunteer Award to Kendra Niehaus.

On behalf of the Religious Exploration Committee, Dillon Ginley presented the Rev. Bill Welch RE Award to Leah Stanton.

On behalf of the Social Justice Advisory Team, Karen Wolf presented the Howard & Agnes Sollenberger Social Justice Award to Ann King.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Lydia Lewis presented the Founders Award to Karen Wolf.

**Announcement of Board President for 2022-23:** Matt Higgins

On behalf of the board, Matt announced that Susan Bennett will continue as board president for a second term.

**Announcement of Voting Results:** Megan Reynolds and Craig Bennett

Megan announced the totals of the votes for motions. Ninety percent of the members participating in voting approved the amended changes to the bylaws. The proposed budget passed with the support of 95% of those voting. *See chart at end of minutes for a complete vote count.*

Craig announced the totals of votes for elections. All candidates were confirmed. *See chart at end of minutes for a complete vote count.*

**Motion to Adjourn:** Susan Bennett

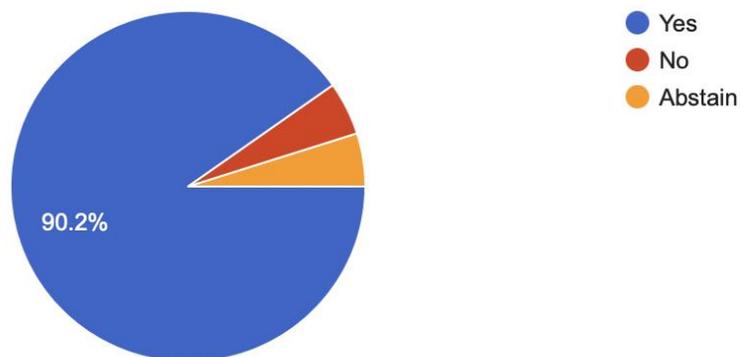
Motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting was approved by unanimous consent.

## Charts of Electronic Ballot Results

### Bylaws

I approve the motion to adopt the revised UUCF Bylaws dated June 5, 2022.

102 responses

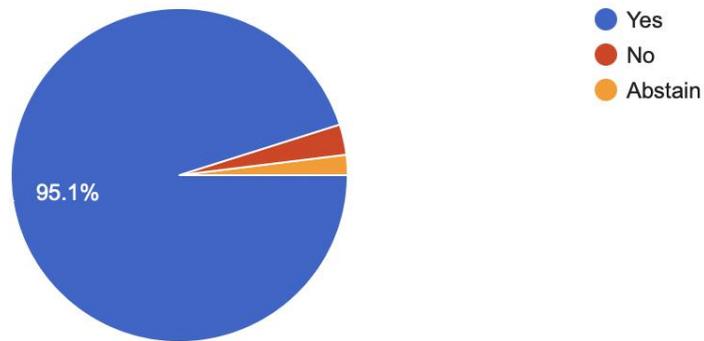


\*Out of 102 responses, 92 members voted yes, 5 members voted no and 5 members abstained.

## Budget

I approve the motion to adopt the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 congregational year.

102 responses



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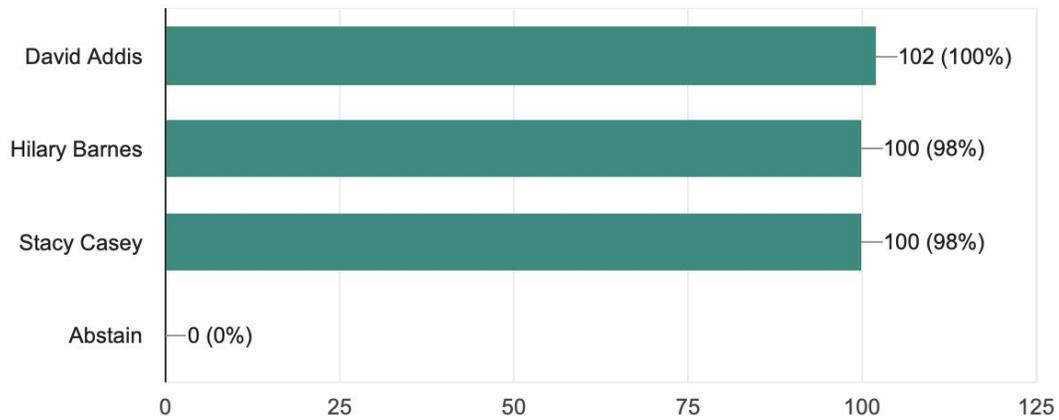
\*Out of 102 responses, 97 members voted yes, 3 members voted no and 2 members abstained

## Board Members

Please vote for up to three new members of the UUCF Board of Directors. Each director is slated for a 3-year term.



102 responses



## Leadership and Nominating Committee Members

Please vote for up to three new members of the Leadership and Nominating Committee. Each committee member is slated for a 2-year term.



102 responses

