Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

Congregation Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 2013

Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order at 11:35 by Lola Warren, WUU Board President.

She also conducted the Chalice Lighting.

The meeting was intended to be an update of the past year at WUU.

II. Year End Report of the Minister: Jennifer Ryu

We hired two new office staff persons: Ellyn Stevens, Administrative Assistant, for 25 hours per week; Suzanne Huddleston, Financial Administrator, for 15 hours per week. An interim DLFD was still to be hired. There were three active candidates, with a hiring target date of July 1.

WUU members assuming new positions include Les Solomon, Physical Plant Chair; Jane Nichols, Treasurer; and James Gerald, Worship Chair.

III.A. Year End Report of the President: Lola Warren

Les Solomon assumed the position of chair of the Building Our Future Committee in November. Lola has replaced Les as Board President, and continues in that office for the next Board year. In April, the Board welcomed new members Eva Burke and Larry Ventis. Donna Stanford, Wayne Moyer and Dave Neiman, with Lola Warren as chair, have assumed the duties of the Board’s newly formed Governance Committee. Chris Faia will continue to chair the Stewardship Committee, but is looking for assistance or replacement.

III.B.1. The property adjacent to the church is for sale. It consists of 2 acres, a house, and 3 out buildings. The BOF Committee recommended against pursuing purchase of the property as it does not, in their judgment, fit our needs. The Board determined that, although at first glance acquisition of the property appeared to be enticing, the study of the property by the BOF Committee (which included three Board members) provided clear evidence that purchase of it was not in keeping with WUU mission’s and therefore no further action on the property would be considered. However, congregants interested in making a tour of the property were encouraged to do so after the meeting, Don and Tina Allen having arranged a walk-through.

III.B.2. Finance Committee Report:

A member’s computer was hacked and church files in Dropbox were stolen. Most of the files were backed up and could be restored. Also, by way of reassurance, social security numbers and bank numbers were not in Dropbox, and therefore not at risk.

III.C. Next Steps:

On June 1, there will be a WUU Leadership Retreat at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula. UUA General Assembly was also announced; WUU attendees will to the Reverend Jennifer Ryu, Les Solomon, and Lola and David Warren.

IV. End of the year report of the Treasurer: Franz Gross:

The Report is highly detailed, but some highlights are as follows: Suzanne Huddleston became the Financial Assistant on April 29. Jane Nichols will become the new Treasurer June 17.

Major financial developments of the past year include the fact that financial records are now fully electronic, and management of the records is being restored to the Financial Assistant, leaving the Treasurer freer to deal with a broader view.

The amount of $32,600 was pledged to the Special Fund for Capital Repairs, and almost all has been received. The amount of $25,300 has been spent. New 1 and 3 year budgets are projected with planned reserves.

Income and expenses for FY 2012-13, ending June 30 are summarized as follows:

Budgeted Net Income is $355,010. Budgeted net expenses are $388,586. There was an initial deficit of $33,576, but with a transfer of $25,000 from the Special Fund the present deficit is $8,576, and there is the hopeful expectation that WUU will end the year with no deficit.

Allen Cooke thanked Franz for his hard work as Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned by President Lola Warren at 12:20.

Minutes submitted by Larry Ventis, WUU Board Secretary