

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Minutes of Annual Meeting, June 4, 2023 (approved June 2, 2024)

Held in-person and via Zoom

submitted June 8, 2023 by Beth Ann Rocheleau (for Karen Brown)

Attendance (Quorum was Validated)

Mel Barrington, Sheldon Bon, Linda Brennison, David Bryan, Jean Capalbo, Craig Chattin, Bruce Chavious, Thomas Clements, Jason Cobb, Ivy Coleman, Donald Cooper, Richard Culler, Matthew Donahue, Rebecca Drennan, Peck Drennan, Marc Drews, Patty Drews, Alma Engle, Vera Anne Espinosa, Joseph Flood, Yolanda Ganong, Suzan Garland, Rev. Dr. Nina Grey, Katharine Heald, Trish Jerman, George Johnson, Jim Kimbler, Jessica Kross, Jane Lawther, Susan LeGacy, John Logue, Jean Lomasto, Mary Maclachlan, Morgan Maclachlan, Mary Martin, Bill Martin, Sharon Matchett, John Matchett, Deb Matherly, Kevin McKinney, Linda McLeod, Richard McLeod, Anne Mellen, Laura Miller, Steve Miller, Lee Minghi, Pat Mohr, Regina Moody, Emilio Perez-Jorge, Constance Quirk, Angie Rabon (Dodd), Susan Robinson, Beth Ann Rocheleau, Tiffany Rushton, Robin Scherer, Larry Siegel, Melody Smit, Cheryl Soehl, Bethany Storlazzi, Michael Sullivan, Marni Sutherland, Mark Tompkins, Philip Turner, Lis Turner, Timothy VanDenBerg, Jim Verne, Ginny Verne, Jeanette Walton, Joan Watterson, Jonathan White (70 total)

Several other non-voting friends and visitors attended the meeting.

Call to Order Deb Matherly, President

Approval of the Agenda (VOTE)

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes (VOTE)

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held May 29, 2022 were approved.

Receipt of Annual Reports (VOTE)

The annual reports received from standing committees were accepted.

President's Report

Deb Matherly, President, presented an overview of the 2022/2023 year, noting the participation, contributions, leadership, flexibility, inventiveness, creativity, hard work, skills, willingness, and dedication of our tapestry of board members, Reverend Robinson and all our staff, committee chairs and members, ad hoc committees, musicians, other volunteers, members, friends and visitors; and expressing heartfelt appreciation to all.

Finance Committee Report Including Proposed Budget (VOTE)

Robin Scherer, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the budget for 2023/2024, which was prepared and reviewed by the Finance Committee, reconciled with the bookkeeping system, unanimously approved by the Board, and accepted by Membership.

Leadership Development Committee Report -- Election of Officers, Trustees, and Members of Leadership Development & Endowment Committees and Proposed Bylaws Amendment (VOTES)

No nominations from the floor were made. The following members were elected to the following positions, effective July 1, 2023:

Board of Trustees:

John Logue, President Elect (2023-26)

Jeanette Walton, Treasurer (2023-25)

Susan LeGacy, Trustee (2023-25)

George Johnson, Trustee (2023-25)

Johnny Matchett, Trustee (2023-25)

Endowment Committee:

Angie Dodd (2021-24)

Karen Brown (2022-25)

Sandra Merritt (2023-26)

Leadership Development Committee:

Richard McLeod (2023-25)

Bonnie Stronach (2023-25)

Proposed changes to the bylaws were accepted. Effective July 1, 2024 the Past-President will become a voting member of the board. Temporary adjustments in trustee terms of office will be complete beginning in 2026-2027. These changes do not affect the total number of voting members of the Board which will remain at nine (9).

Report of the ad hoc Committee on the Covenant (VOTE)

Official adoption of our Congregational Affirmation (noted below) as our Congregational Covenant was accepted.

Love is the doctrine of this congregation,

The quest for truth is its sacrament,

And service is its prayer.

To dwell together in peace,

To seek knowledge in freedom,

To serve others in community,

Thus do we covenant with one another.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Submitted by: Beth Ann Rocheleau, standing in for Karen Brown, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE FOR FUTURE Zoom host needs time to count votes, and Zoom attendees need to be permitted more time to ask questions during the annual meeting, and should be invited to do so.