

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF POUGHKEEPSIE
MINUTES OF CORPORATE MEETING, 6-14-09

Attendance (attached)

1. Opening Words (Bryan Cook)
2. Election of Inspectors: Kevin Barnes and Karl Volk volunteered and were elected by acclamation.
3. Agenda: *Amy Strom moved, Walter Engel seconded, to accept the agenda as presented. Carried, with 40 in favor, none opposed.*
4. Minutes: *Nick Garin moved, Tom Hackett seconded, to accept the minutes of the previous Corporate Meeting. Carried, with 38 in favor, none opposed.*
5. Judith announced that Orlanda Brugnola has agreed to be our Interim Minister.
6. Adoption of Budget: The proposed budget cuts the number of secretarial hours/week from 16 to 10, and eliminates funding for a Director of Religious Education. Bryan Cook explained that we expect that with a full-time minister, we will increase membership and pledges to the point where we can again have a DRE and increase the secretary's hours. This was done at the Mt. Kisco congregation, and was highly successful. In response to a question from Rich Sudnik, Bryan noted that we have assets to draw on in case of emergency. Paula Greenspan reported that the Endowment Fund is currently below the \$50,000 threshold. We were able to disburse funds this year, but probably will not be able to do so next year. *Amy Strom moved, Nick Garin seconded, to accept the budget as proposed. Carried, with 40 in favor, 2 opposed.* Jim Olson drew our attention to the list of contributors to the annual budget drive that appeared in this morning's Order of Service, adding Harvey and Estelle Frankel, who had been inadvertently left off the list. He recognized the Visiting Stewards as well as those who contributed. Bryan and Judith thanked Jim Olson for his work as Stewardship co-chair.
7. Adoption of Revised Bylaws: Judith Knauss discussed the proposed revision to Articles XVIII and XIX. *Tom Hackett moved, Karen Lovequist seconded, to adopt the revision. Carried, with 40 in favor, none opposed.* Judith then discussed the remainder of the proposed amendments. The changes proposed for Article II are modeled after the UUA's suggestions. Margie Watters pointed out that through an error, the Bylaws in the Annual Report (attached) are the current Bylaws, not the proposed Bylaws. Judith described the proposed changes and the reasons for them. Tom Hackett pointed out that the proposed Bylaws do not have the same provision as the current Bylaws, specifically requiring a member to make a financial contribution every year in order to remain a voting member. He recommended that the Bylaws be passed, but that we eventually change the language to clarify. Judith described all the other proposed changes. *Nick Garin moved, Tom Hackett seconded, adoption of all the proposed revisions. Carried, with 40 in favor, none opposed.* Walter Engel was recognized for his work as Assistant Treasurer; Barbara Kendall was recognized for her contributions to the music.
8. Elections: For President: Bryan Cook; for Vice President, Judith Knauss; for Treasurer: Jim Wood. *All were elected by acclamation with 42 in favor, none opposed.* Trustees: Markly Wilson and Carolann Koehler for re-election. *Both were re-elected by acclamation, with 38 in favor, none opposed.* Endowment Fund Committee: Kevin Barnes. *He was elected with 37 in favor, none opposed.* For the three openings on the newly-renamed Leadership Development Committee, Bryan opened the floor for nominations. Thalia Sudnik and Paul Osgood's terms have expired, and Andrew Lang has resigned from the Committee. Judith read the language from the newly-adopted Bylaws describing the expectations of the LDC. Cathy Augello nominated Thalia Sudnik; Chad Patterson seconded. Barbara Corona nominated Mary Anne Osgood; Walter Engel seconded. Amy Strom nominated Kathy Boone; Nick Garin seconded. Judith Knauss moved, Len

Marcus seconded, to close nominations. Ron Kamen then objected that Mary Anne Osgood was not present, and therefore could not be nominated; Bryan Cook concurred. Chad Patterson nominated Karen Thomas, Cathy Augello seconded. Nominations were closed by acclamation. *Jim Wood moved, Cathy Augello seconded, to elect Thalia Sudnik, Kathy Boone, and Karen Thomas by acclamation. Carried, with 36 in favor, none opposed, one abstention.* Bryan then opened the floor for nomination for Delegates to GA. No one is planning to attend, so we will have no delegates.

9. Proposed changes to UU Sources: As a congregation, we can cast a vote on these changes, although we will not have a delegate at GA. The congregation discussed the proposed changes. Pat Lamanna pointed out that anyone can go on the UUA web site and make comments as an individual. *Amy Strom moved, Karl Volk seconded, that we vote yes or no on the changes to the Sources. Jim Wood asked her to amend the motion; Amy amended the motion to state that we vote against the proposed change, and if the proposed change is voted down at GA that we discuss how we would like to change the sources during the coming year. Carried, with 27 in favor, one opposed, 5 abstentions.*
10. Other Business: *Tom Hackett moved, with the understanding that the Board must approve, that we appoint Kay Greenleaf Minister Emerita. Karl seconded. Carried, with 20 in favor; 9 opposed, 2 abstentions.*
11. *Markly Wilson moved, Tom Hackett seconded, to adjourn. Carried unanimously.*

Submitted by Pat Lamanna, Corporate Clerk
Attachments: Attendance list, Annual Report