

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
CORPORATE MEETING, JUNE 1, 2008

Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m.

1. Opening Words, Chalice Lighting: Bryan Cook
2. Quorum and Call to Order: Tom Hackett
3. Agenda: *Nina Lynch moved, Emelia Arpino seconded, to accept the agenda. Carried.*
4. Minutes of Corporate Meeting, 9-9-07. *Walter Engel moved, Maureen Beck seconded, to accept. Carried.*
5. Elections:
  - 5.1 Inspectors of Election: Maureen Beck and Terry Novicki volunteered. The congregation elected them.
  - 5.2 Tom pointed out that three of the nominees did not come forward until after the deadline for announcing the Corporate Meeting, so he asked that someone nominate them. *June nominated Pat Sullivan, Bob Bomersbach and Chris Antal as delegates to the General Assembly.* Tom then opened the floor for additional nominations. *Trevor Greenspan moved, Paul Hirsch seconded, that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for the entire slate.* Each of the nominees stood to introduced themselves to the congregation. *Motion carried unanimously.*
  - 5.3 Nominating Committee Members: *Judith nominated Ron Kamen. Trevor nominated Jim Olson. Elected unanimously.*
6. Celebrations and Recognitions: Tom read Judith's words regarding Carolyn Reynard.
7. FY 2008-09 Budget: Treasurer Chris Brown presented the Proposed Budget (attached). Laura Price mentioned that the playground is dangerous; we need to improve and upgrade. Cornelia Smith wondered if we could make the minister  $\frac{3}{4}$  time instead of  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Margie Watters was concerned that there wasn't enough money in the publicity budget, given that we want to grow. Terry Novicki asked about the bookkeeper, carpet and paving. He also felt the utilities amount was not enough. Chris Brown replied that the bookkeeper is a new expense; the carpet and paving the driveway are not in the proposed budget. Tom Hackett mentioned that the Finance Committee could use new members. Eleanor Harmantas agreed with Margie that we need to allocate more to publicity. Gina Klein was concerned that the amount budgeted for utilities is inadequate. She also thought that the time and date of Finance Committee meetings should be publicized better. Judith mentioned that Patti Tessler has been getting us free publicity; Mary Summerlin added that Patti assisted with publicity for The Spoken Word Coffeehouse. Nina mentioned that the Justice for All Speakers Forum is not a line item again; it must come out of the \$600 budgeted to the Social Justice Committee. Anne Lancellotti pointed out an error in budgeted utilities expenses; it should be 10% above \$11,000. Tom Hackett pointed out that we will be voting on the *amount* for

- utilities; the Board will adjust as needed (within 15% of total budget). *Tom Hackett called for a vote on the budget; it carried with four abstentions.*
8. Proposed Bylaw change: Paula Greenspan, a member of the Committee on Ministry, explained the purpose of the proposed change: to increase ministry among the members of the Fellowship. *Tom Hackett called for a vote. Carried, with one opposed and four abstentions.*
  9. Written reports: attached. *Trevor Greenspan moved, Terry Novicki seconded, that we accept the reports as written in the book and that it be left to the members to read those reports on their own.* Margie Watters protested that the minutes of the previous meeting were distributed today. Tom apologized for not getting them out sooner. He added that the committee reports were informational only and did not require action by the congregation. *Gina Klein moved, Paul Hirsch seconded, that the Clerk be instructed to send a note of thanks to Rich Sudnik on behalf of the congregation for his work on Buildings and Grounds.* Judith then presented Tom with flowers and thanks, and he received a standing ovation.
  10. *Kathy Walker moved, Bryan Cook seconded, to adjourn. Carried.* Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Submitted by Pat Lamanna, Corporate Clerk

Attachments: Annual Report, June 1, 2008