

Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Minutes of Annual Meeting
May 18, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Judith Anderson, Chair-elect of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Kathy Allen, Membership Co-Chair, declared a quorum present.

David Olson was appointed parliamentarian for the meeting.

APPROVAL / CORRECTION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING MAY 20, 2007
George Fairman moved the approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2007 Annual Meeting, seconded by Betty Gutmann, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

George Fairman moved the approval of the proposed Agenda, seconded by Betty Gutmann, motion passed.

REPORTS

The Annual Committee reports were included in the handouts for the meeting.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE / ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES FOR 2008-2009

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Jerry Gilliland nominated the following slate for election to the Board of Trustees:

Chair elect: Monica Williams
Trustees: Tom Ehlinger, and Mary Koehler

No further nominations were received from the floor, and nominations were closed. The slate of nominees was elected as presented.

ELECTION OF NEW NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Jerry Gilliland nominated the following slate for election to the Nominating Committee for 2008-2009:

Nominating Committee: Lee Swenson, Carol Hobart, and Mary Kreitz
Nominating Committee Alternates: Paula Nania and Joyce McMartin

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ADOPTION OF 2008-2009 BUDGET

The proposed annual budget and results of pledge drive were presented by Dale Lewellyn, Finance chair, and questions from members were answered.

Steve Danko moved and Marv Gish seconded that the proposed budget be adopted as presented. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM MINISTER

Judith Anderson gave an update on the interim search process. Roger Jones has declined our offer of a second year of interim ministry, and we have submitted an application for an interim minister through the UUA and Prairie Star District. The search committee consists of Board of Trustee members Judith Anderson, Jerry Gilliland, David Olson, and Mary Koehler.

REPORT FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR SETTLED MINISTER

Steve Danko, Co-chair of the Settled Minister Search Committee gave the report. Laura Lochen replaced Gordy Anderson on the committee when he resigned from the committee. The decision to go to a full-time minister has been determined by the membership. In April of 2009 settled minister candidating will take place. The committee sought the input of the members in a congregational survey. There were 144 responses, and the results of the survey are being tabulated and will be incorporated into the Congregational Record submitted to the UUA by October 31st. The congregational packet will also be prepared for submission to candidates this fall, and selected candidates reviewed in the spring.

PROGRAM COUNCIL UPDATE

Judith Anderson reported the new Program Council met four times this year, and while according to other churches it could take a couple of years to get comfortable with the change, everyone seems comfortable with the new system already. The program council continues to represent the life of the fellowship and Judith expressed her thanks to everyone who worked so hard this first year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jane Stehn asked if there was a time lapse between the Interim Minister and the arrival of the Settled Minister, and there is not, the Settled Minister starts when the Interim Minister contract ends, without any gap.

Luella Newstrom asked if the salary shown in the budget was a good one for a settled minister. Dale Lewellyn reported it was average for a congregation our size.

George Fairman thanked the new Board of Trustees, and thanked Judith Anderson for chairing the Program Council, and the Nominating Committee for selecting such a great slate of leaders who worked so well together.

There was no other old or new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Submitted by
David Olson, Secretary