

Congregational Meeting 5/29/16

Led by Patricia Ice

Meeting called to order 12:25 pm.

Minutes from last meeting read by Samantha Melton, motioned, seconded, approved.

Minister's report, document in files.

Justin explains how we have a lot of things on the minutes that we never got around to, but that it was majorly due to not selling the building. Says RE is currently being revitalized, and the Care Ring is doing better work than ever. He mentions the great things we have done as a church, like the Living Legacy tour. As we deal with the grief from not selling, we need to remember who we are, and what our values are. Justin talks about all he does for the community - office hours, prison weddings, etc. Says that Jermaine is going with him to General Assembly.

He said we have people coming from all over the state to come to our services. We need to reach out and form connection to the rural areas. Justin plans to try and meet with the people from Vicksburg, and try to see about getting them to come meet with us until they are strong enough to grow their own UU community.

Patricia Ice talks about how happy we are as a church to have Justin as our minister. She says that there are scholarships to the General Assembly, but they must be applied for in 2 days.

Next on the agenda is voting on positions.

Stacy explains why we are voting on Interim positions this year.

Patricia reads the slate -

Past President (Interim) - Jim Becker

President Elect - Patricia Ice

Secretary - Susan Voisin

2nd Trustee - Jermaine Hicks

Leadership Development Council - Stacy Callendar (to fulfill Jim's term), David Morgan

Calm Council - Sam Melton, Ranjan Batra, Lisa Kersen

Ministerial Relations Council - open

Stacy explains what the role is of each of the elected positions.

Brian says that we have had people still looking at the church, and that we had a showing last week.

Vote for Transition Taskforce

Ann McClaine votes that we accept the slate as is - Brian Heffner, Natalie, and Fran

Motion seconded

Slate is approved as is.

Next vote is on the bill HB1523. Justin tells us it gives business owners the right to refuse service to anyone LGBT. We are looking for a vote to oppose the bill as a congregation.

Stacy makes a motion, Ann seconded, motion passed.

Next vote on joining Voices against Extremism

Ann motions, Tom seconded, motion passes

Ann gives treasurer report, document in files.

Tom votes that we accept the Treasurer's Report as is, Jody Gore seconded. Report approved.

Justin talks about holding our 65th church birthday celebration. He wants to hold a "not retirement party". Weekend of the 9-11th of September ideally, with Gordon Gibson presiding.

Justin says it is extremely important that every person from the church works together to bond and put this party together. We need to make more of an effort as a church to retain our visitors, and hold more events to celebrate together. These kind of events would be great to bring in more income, and more members.

Vote on having a 3 day event weekend church event.

Tom makes a motion, Jody seconded, motion passes.

Ann McClaine mentions how the church appreciates the work of everyone rotation off the board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22pm