

Congregational Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2014

Meeting called to order at 11:30 am (56 eligible members out of 105 signed in)

The meeting agenda, budget narrative, and last year's congregational meeting minutes from May 19, 2013 were distributed.

Welcome, chalice lighting, and opening words.

The agenda for the day's meeting and was approved unanimously by a congregational vote (1st by Art Hackett, 2nd by Molly Mitchell)

Congregational meeting minutes from May 19, 2013 were approved unanimously by a congregational vote (1st by Kim Reain, 2nd by Stephanie Thurow).

Review of highlights from the previous year (led by Sarah Cook)

- Visit by Rev. Joe Ellwanger
- Calling Karen Quinlan to be our new minister
- Creating a covenant of right relations
- Celebrating 20 years
- New joys and concerns candle holder
- Big Oak renting our space (and leaving)
- 20th anniversary video created by the youth
- Starting an endowment
- New windows and wall, and the roof is not leaking
- Beatles band

Recognition of volunteers by Kim Reain

- Volunteers were named and asked to stand
- In honor of the volunteers, items for the children's garden will be donated and each volunteer will be able to add a flower sticker to their nametag

Election of Officers (presented by Mary Wagner from the Nominating Committee)

- Each person was asked to make a statement prior to the vote
- President-elect: Virginia Harrison
- Board secretary: Barb Whitney
- At-large trustees: Kelly Kearns and Charlie McNulty
- Assistant treasurer: Derek Peterson
- Nominating committee: Heike Saynisch, Mary Wagner, and Sarah Cook
- This slate of officers was approved unanimously by a congregational vote

Endowment (presented by John Mathis from the Stewardship Team)

- An endowment for JRUUC has been started, which began with a \$10,000 anonymous donation
- A subcommittee of the Stewardship Team will work on setting up rules concerning the endowment
- Members were encouraged to contribute to the endowment, either as contributions now or

- putting by putting JRUUC in your will.
- The endowment funds are in a UUA-managed fund, which focuses on ethical investing.

The Wi\$dom Path (presented by Carin Bringelson, Beth Esser, and Mark Lydon from the Stewardship Team)

- Information was provided about this upcoming adult RE opportunity to discuss money and its place in our lives and how we talk about it.

Budget for 2014-2014

- In alignment with our commitment to being Fair Share, we are increasing our payment to the Mid-America Region and the UUA by 20%
- Funds for MOSES are now in the budget so we can meet our commitment to this organization
- After some further discussion, the budget was approved unanimously by a congregational vote

Raffle Winners

- The big winner was Tom McClintock!
- Six gift certificates to area restaurants were also given out to the lucky winners

Closing words by Rev. Marlene Walker

The chalice was extinguished and the meeting was adjourned.