

Unity Village Chapel
Annual Membership Meeting
March 17, 2019
Number of attendees: 74 (68 Registered)

The President of the Board, Anna Griesbach, called the meeting to order at 12.20 P. M. in the CommUnity Center after a post-service light lunch served by the Sisters of Myrtle. Rev. Erin led the pray-in. Anna introduced Board members and read the meeting agenda.

Approval of 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes

As prescribed in the Bylaws, the minutes of last year's Annual Membership Meeting need to be approved by those members present at this year's meeting. Minutes were available for review during the meeting notification and on the UVC web page. Secretary, Ronna Gjesfjeld, requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, all attendees voiced 'aye' as approval. There were no 'nays'.

Presentation and Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes (See attached)

68 Registered members voting, 51% needed to approve .

Bylaw 2 was questioned and explained to the satisfaction of the congregant.

Stan Slaughter made a motion to approve all Bylaw changes at one time, Michael Kinslow seconded the motion, 52 'ayes' and 4 nays were counted: the motion carried.

Nominating Team Report

Board president, Anna Griesbach, outlined the way the team operates. Diana Wilks addressed the members. 2018 Nominating team consisted of Rev. Erin, Carol Anderson, Alberta Boccoleoni, and Diane Wilks. The 2019 candidates were acknowledged: Holly Godfrey, Tim Mabbott, Anna Griesbach, Dennis Smith, and Keith Wilson. Bios of these candidates were mailed out prior to the meeting and are accessible on the UVC website.

Introduction and Certification of Board Candidates

The Secretary read the Certification script for candidates.

Election of Nominees

The ballots were cast and collected. Candidates adjourned briefly to the Bookstore. Ballot counted commenced. The successful 2019-2021 candidates are: Anna Griesbach, Keith Wilson and Holly Godfrey.

Nomination and Election of 2020 Nominating Team Representative

The Committee is formed at the Annual Meeting, a member and alternate (in case the main representative is unable to serve) are voted on. The senior minister is responsible for finding candidates. A great way to make your voice heard and who you wish to represent you on the Board. Nominations were: Maxine Jensen (declined), Debbie Epley (accepted), 2nd nomination Steve Newall(accepted), Michael Kinslow, David O'Brien(accepted). John Fry moved to close nominations, multiple folks seconded and the motion carried. The nominees adjourned to the Bookstore for the vote. Debbie Epley was elected Team Representative with 52 votes and David O'Brien as alternate with 29 votes. Steve Newall received 11 votes, and Michael Kinslow 5 votes.

Board President Report

Do you remember the freedom and joy of who you wanted to be as a child? What do you see in UVC expanding this year? UVC hosted a total of 34 workshops/guest speakers; wonderful SpiritualGroups; and Village Mic Night that averaged 150 people in attendance; softball game, Trunk or Treat where 2K+ people attended. People are comfortable expressing who they are; new members: bless us so much. Matching grants upgraded meeting room, AV equipment and furniture. UVC last year gave over \$23K tithes to organizations of the new thought movement. We supported UWWM, Daily Word, Unity Radio, etc. Possibility is limited only by our imagination. James Dillet Freeman poem One Step More was read.

Treasurer's Report

Keith Wilson, Treasurer, shared his letter outlining special power of abundance consciousness, and promoted AutoGive tithing benefits. He told the attendees the expenses and income figures (see attached treasurer report). Attendees were thanked for making newcomers feel comfortable and welcome. A member asked: What are stats on social giving that UVC is promoting? Keith and Rev. Erin offered: Many avenues are being tracked and the net dollars have been positive. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report: The Ayes carried approval of the Treasurer's report.

Minister's Report

You have a huge heart for Unity. Looking around our large sanctuary I'm sure you're wondering where everyone is. We are financially stable in our community right now. Let's take it a step further: sit down and feel yourself in this situation-take that person to coffee, a walk, see people hiking the trails, see tears in someones eyes-go inside- feel what this movement has done for you-just feel it.

38 New members, 177 total members, used to be higher because they were members, but not active. Your feedback was heard: we designed a new system to see who serves, who tithes, if you want to renew your membership, just reach out. 53 Youth registered for Spirit School. Two years ago our first Babies and Bellies Blessing took place: 12 people stepped up to be blessed, last year 16 people-live streamers and in the sanctuary. Social Media breakdown: 696 YouTube subscribers, 200 Live Streamers 4,368 Facebook followers. Erin thanked everyone for their support. UVC will be trying out a new—UVC App—for next year. It will save \$5K in streamlining things. Just a 6% giving increase and you serve people right where they are. It's about retention, not marketing. Find out that person sitting next to you— what they like, what they're about— find a Sunday buddy.

Membership giving/receiving - New members get an overview of UVC, get discount on hotel, bookstore and golf.

Giving/Tithing Time Talent Treasurer - we do ask you to give, to take a stand for our community (promoted AutoGive). You can see why it is so important with the bad weather. Included in the new UVC app will be a login portal to access individual account information, including giving history and donation tax form. Currently, 39 AutoGivers make up 8% of our budget. Vision: 177 AutoGivers-\$150 month would exceed budgeted income.

Invited to 'Save the Date' for the End of Year giving campaign, and many other events.

Radiance, Spotlight, and Illumination were explained.

The Activity Center is changing! Its new design will resemble the Midland Theatre with tiered, tables and chairs. The project will take one year and is scheduled for 2020. Changes to the Bookstore will have a bistro feel. UWH also has some Air B&Bs.

Let yourself breathe deep: we are here, but you will see changes on ground.

Acknowledgements

Kathy & Dale were recognized for donating 30 years of time and talent to UVC; Ronna Gjesfjeld was recognized for serving two terms on the Board of Trustees; Sisters of Myrtle for the fabulous food before today's meeting; and UVC's current AutoGivers.

Raffle

First drawing winner -\$10 certificate to Fig Tree— Laura Fry

Second drawing winner - \$15 AMC movie certificate — Kathey Peery

Third drawing winner - Two Dinner Theatre tickets valued at \$35-\$60— Judy Best

Closing Prayer

Rev. Erin led the closing prayer.

Adjournment

Alberta Boccaleoni made a motion to adjourn, Jodi Voss seconded and the motion carried. The 2019 Annual Meeting adjourned at 1:39 P. M.

Minutes transcribed by Ronna Gjesfjeld, Secretary

Attachments: Proposed By-law Changes March 2019
Treasurer's Report

Proposed By-law Changes March 2019

* Proposed changes will be voted on separately by registered/certified members of Unity Village Chapel.

Change 1: Article IV – Membership Section 4.02 Certification of Membership Item B

Old Language: In three-year intervals, the Board Secretary shall re-certify the membership by conducting a census of the congregation for the purposes of establishing a credible list of registered members and to make membership more meaningful.

New Language: Members with a record of giving annually will be considered active and automatically re-certified annually. Other members will be notified by email and/or postal mail of any proposed change to membership status and be given the opportunity to appeal.

Change 2: ARTICLE VI — Board of Trustees Section 6.01 Membership

Old Language: Seven (7) trustees elected from the registered membership of Unity Village Chapel, eighteen years or older.

New Language: Six (6) trustees elected from the registered membership of Unity Village Chapel, eighteen years or older.

Change 3: ARTICLE VI — Board of Trustees Section 6.06 Quorum

Old Language: There shall be no less than six trustees present in person or by teleconference at any posted scheduled meeting to constitute a quorum and transaction of business by the Board.

New Language: A majority of trustees including the minister, present in person or by teleconference, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Board.

Change 4: ARTICLE VI — Board of Trustees Section 6.12 Replacement

Old Language: Should a vacancy occur on the Board of Trustees; the Board will proceed to fill the vacancy by ballot at its next regular meeting. In case of emergency, a special meeting may be called. Only persons meeting the qualifications specified in Section 6.10(A) may be considered as replacements. No replacement will have served as a trustee during the year prior to their election. A majority vote of those registered members present and voting will be necessary to elect. The term will expire on the day of the next annual meeting. A person elected in this manner is not considered to have served a complete term.

New Language: Should a vacancy occur on the Board of Trustees; the Board will proceed to fill the vacancy. The appointed shall serve the remainder of the vacated term. In case of emergency, a special meeting may be called. Only persons meeting the qualifications specified in Section 6.10(A) may be

considered as replacements. No replacement will have served as a trustee during the year prior to their election.

Change 5: Article XII – Bylaws Amendments

Old Language: Amendments to these bylaws must be made by voting members of the Corporation at a legally constituted membership meeting. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendments must be mailed to all registered members at least ten (10) days prior to the required membership meeting. An affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of all registered members present and voting will be necessary to pass any amendment to these bylaws. These bylaws fully supersede all previous bylaws adopted by Unity Village Chapel.

New Language: *(Added wording underlined, everything else stayed the same.)*

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