

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto**  
**April 23, 2017**

**Presiding:** Vice President of Facilities, David Chen

**Secretary:** Kristi Iverson

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. Rev. Dan Harper read opening words from Peter Drucker and led the reading of the Relational Covenant.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 17, 2016 were approved as submitted.

**Election of Representatives:** David introduced the nominees for Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, Delegates for General Assembly (GA), and Delegated to the District Assembly of the Pacific Central District (DA), as presented by the Nominating Committee. Voting was by secret ballot.

- All nominated candidates were elected.

Board of Trustees:

3-year terms: Sally Ahnger, Brooke Bishara, Audrey Erbes, Lorraine Kostka

1-year term: Harrison Frahn

Nominating Committee: Lisa Helmonds, Bill Hilton, Tyler Kochel, Diane Meier

GA Delegates: Sally Ahnger, Karen Skold

DA Delegate: Esa Jacobi

There was also an advisory vote for the new UUA President. Results of this vote were communicated to the Board, the Congregation, and the GA Delegates. Three people in the congregation spoke in favor of certain candidates prior to the advisory vote.

**Recognition of Canvass Workers:**

David recognized the work of the Canvass Team and the Canvassers.

**Budget Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2018 (5/1/2017 through 4/30/18):**

Rafael Gomez, VP of Finance, presented a summary of the Canvass and the Budget.

Operating Budget Proposal: The Board of Trustees recommends the adoption of a spending budget for Fiscal Year 2018 totaling \$741,824.

- The Operating Budget was approved as presented.

**Note:** This Operating Budget includes borrowing \$30,000 from the Capital Fund, because our pledges have not increased commensurate with our expenses. There was much discussion,

with significant agreement that a planned withdrawal from reserves for operating expenses was acceptable on a one-time basis, but not on an ongoing basis.

Capital Spending Proposal: The Board of Trustees recommends the adoption of a capital spending plan for Fiscal Year 2018 totaling \$143,000.

- The Capital Spending plan was approved as presented.

**Note:** These projects will only be done if people from the congregation volunteer to lead one or more of the projects.

**Justice Partners:** The following Justice Partners were proposed by the Action Council based on nominations from members of the congregation.

- The list was approved as presented.

Sequoia Adult School Scholars (SASS) – May (new Justice Partner)

South Palo Alto Food Closet – June

California Clean Money Campaign – July

Day Worker Center of Mountain View – August

Hotel de Zink – September

Opportunity Center – October

South Bay Sanctuary Covenant – November

Adolescent Counseling Service (ACS) – December (includes Outlet)

Stevenson House – January

Ada's Café – February

UUs Ending Modern Slavery – March

Green Sanctuary Choice (currently Acterra Solar Project) – April

There was a request for an explanation of when plate donations are given to these organizations versus to UUCPA. The Board of Trustees agreed to take action on this.

**Resolutions:** There were four resolutions presented for the congregation's consideration. All of these resolutions require approval by 90% of voting members in order to be implemented, per UUCPA By-Laws.

Action Council Banner Resolution: Resolution to allowing use of the UUCPA Banner at certain events when approved by the Action Council, with notification to the congregation when such a request is approved.

- The resolution was narrowly defeated on first vote (87% approval, with 63 voting).

Amendments were subsequently proposed and accepted to provide advance notice to the congregation before any banner use, then a second vote was taken.

- The amended resolution passed with 90% approval.

Green Sanctuary Endorsement Resolution: Resolution to allow the Green Sanctuary Committee to act on behalf of UUCPA in certain matters pertaining to climate change. This resolution was a renewal of one passed in 2015.

- The resolution was approved unanimously.

Action Council Endorsement Resolution: Resolution to allow use of UUCPA's name as a co-sponsor or endorser of an event or action when approved by both the Action Council and the Board of Trustees, with notification to the congregation when such a request is approved.

The same amendments for advance notification to the congregation were proposed for this resolution as for the banner resolution. These amendments were accepted prior to the vote.

- The amended resolution passed with 90% approval.

MVPJ Endorsement Resolution: Resolution to allow use of UUCPA's name as co-sponsor or endorser of an event or action recommended by the Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice (MVPJ), of which UUCPA is a member, when approved by the Action Council, with notification to the congregation when such a request is approved.

- This motion was withdrawn as it was covered by the broader Action Council endorsement resolution previously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.