

TRICOUNTY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President of the Board of Trustees, Cindy Grossman, and a quorum was certified.

The Chalice Lighting message was given by Gretchen Lewis.

Our Covenant of Right Relations was read by Joyce Mills.

Linda Taylor moved and Ginger Ryan seconded a motion to finalize and adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no objections raised and the minutes of the Annual Meeting for 3-26-23 were approved.

Cindy gave her remarks. She began by stating that we are not building a congregation, but we are building a beloved community. She then enumerated the following accomplishments of TriUU for the past year:

1. Reestablishing our Committee of Right Relations
2. We are truly a “Beloved Community” as shown by our sharing in the wedding of Sonya and Coreen.
3. Special Events
4. Gatherings
5. Revitalization of the Building and Grounds Team
6. Safety Team
7. Work of the Worship Team

8. Challenging work of the Technology Team
9. Reorganization of the Social Justice Team
10. Work of the Climate Action Team
11. Great Decisions study group
12. Trip to Montgomery
13. 1619 Project
14. Work of the Welcoming Committee
15. Service of the Care Team
16. Growth of the Choir
17. Generosity of the congregation
18. Success of the Stewardship Team
19. Work of the Finance Team
20. Proposed revitalization of the Legacy Society
21. Fifteen percent growth of our membership
22. Increased publicity
23. Continued work on Communications.
24. The successful change to 9:00am
for our Worship services to better enable Reverend Cynthia to
handle two services three Sundays a month.
25. The successful search for a new minister, Reverend Kristina
Spaude.

Bruce Twiss read the Reverend Cynthia Snavelly's remarks. She will be with us until the end of July.

Jake Bishop gave the treasurer's remarks. We have had surpluses for three years because of anonymous donations, bequests, and a government payment approved during Covid. The budget was sent through email. The monthly statements are published on the internet and are posted on the bulletin board. A motion to approve the budget as described by Jake was made by Mike Felton and seconded by Barbara Woodson. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously including twelve members on Zoom.

The Nominating Team gave the slate for new Board members. They were unable to find someone to be the treasurer. Jake Bishop has agreed to continue as Interim Treasurer for a term not to exceed one year while we continue to search for someone to serve as an apprentice to Jake and ultimately be appointed to the remainder of his two year term. Other new Board members are Joyce Mills, Secretary, (1 year term), Eileen McCabe (2 year term), Lenore Michelson (2 year term), and Brenda Nelson (1 year term). There were no nominations from the floor. Helene Kirschbaum moved that the slate be elected and Jerry Slosser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous including twelve members on Zoom.

The following people were proposed for the Nominating Team for 2024-25: Trish Schwartzberg (1 year term) and Nancy Solberg (1 year term) with a third member to be appointed by the 2024-2025 Board. Steve Burt moved to accept the slate and Eileen McCabe seconded the nomination. The motion was passed unanimously along with twelve members on Zoom.

Gretchen Lewis, Karen Gammons, and Lynne Westmoreland were recognized as retiring Board members.

The Chalice extinguishing message was read by Karen Gammons.

Nancy Solberg moved to adjourn the meeting and Helene Kirschbaum seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously along with twelve members on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Lewis, Secretary