A quorum membership exceeding 46 was counted and confirmed present.

The meeting was called to order by Gwen Childs at 12:10 pm.

Microphones were made available to the presenters and to the audience respondents. Handouts were made available to the audience membership including the meeting agenda; Annual Report of the Endowment Committee; and proposed ALUUC budget. Officers of the Board including Gwen Childs (President), Delinda Chapman (Vice President) Victoria Vincent (Treasurer), Carol Floyd (Secretary) and also Reverend Martin Woulfe were present on the panel addressing the membership.

Minutes: a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from last year’s annual meeting (6/08/2008). The motion was passed by acclamation.

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President’s Report (Gwen Childs)—Report attached
Gwen reported on success in various mission areas, raising revenues to support the mission, and expressed gratitude to a multitude of volunteers. We had a record amount in pledges but still need to complete the pledge drive with people who have not yet pledged. Priorities which Gwen hopes will be addressed in the new church year include strengthening Social Action programs, adopting a policy relating to congregational taking of a position on issues, creating an emergency response plan, and finding a way to make our treasurer position less burdensome by expanding our use of professional accounting services.

Minister’s Report (Reverend Martin Woulfe)
Speaking from an extensive report (available on request), Martin summarized his activities in the pulpit, pastoral care, church membership, UU district and national church, Springfield interfaith community, and office administration. Nearly half of the church membership has joined since his 2003 arrival. He will be making special efforts to fully integrate members into the life of the church and to recruit new members. All this is challenging under current economic circumstances. New policies which have been implemented include wedding officiant services for nonmembers and the availability of temporary shelter to members. A variety of technological changes have been made in the office and more paper is being recycled. Martin also described church, professional, and personal developmental activities conducted during 4 months of sabbatical this Winter/Spring and those planned for the remaining two months of his sabbatical in April and May 2010. He will also be President of the Springfield interfaith group next year.
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Treasurer’s Report (Victoria Vincent)
Victoria briefly summarized the financial statistics including pluses and minuses. We benefited from a number of people paying more than the amount they pledged. One source of income that significantly declined from the previous year is interest earned on our accounts because of reduced interest rates.

Annual Report of the Endowment Committee (Victoria Vincent presenting in absence of chair Frank Kopecky)
The balance in the account as of June 3, 2009 was $55,098.87 in 4 fixed income cd’s and 2 mutual funds.

Report of the Nominating Committee
Roger Powers reported that the following have agreed to be candidates for election

Board Officers—one year term
President Gwen Childs
Vice President Delinda Chapman
Secretary Kitty Wrigley
Treasurer Victoria Vincent

Board members:
Two-year term: Kelly Anderson
Beverly Holmes
Doug Liberati
One-year term: Megan Renner
(Phillip Anderson and Bill McCall, elected to two-year terms in 2008, will continue as Board members until 2010).
Nominating Committee: Frank Kopecky and Carley Mattimore for two year terms.
(Buffy Lael and Diane Roberts-Hill, elected in 2008, will continue on the Nominating Committee until 2010).
(Regarding the Committee on Ministry, it was noted that John Malan who had been appointed midterm was being continued thru the end of that term and that the new appointments for 3 year terms were Theresa Kanoza and Debby Hagan.)

A motion was made and seconded for the entire slate of candidates to be elected. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Budget Adoption
Victoria Vincent presented the budget for the fiscal year FY10 (7/1/3009-7/1/2010)—with estimated income of $171,900 slightly exceeding expenses of $171,719. She summarized both revenue and expense detail. There was not room in the budget to cover a number of expenses including cleaning the church; we anticipate that cleaning will continue to be handled by a combination of special contributions and volunteer labor if these contributions are insufficient.
A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget of 171,719. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Bylaws Revision

Brief notes of explanation

**First Amendment:** allows for notification by email for all meetings if the member has registered an email address with the secretary—or members may opt to use the U.S.Mail option instead of email (as is currently the case with our ALUUC newsletter)

**Second Amendment:** per the existing By-Laws, the Board can convene an ad hoc Long Range Planning Committee as it sees fit (normally every 4-5 years.)

The proposed revisions were read into the record

First amendment

**Article 3 – Congregational Meetings**

**Section 1: Annual Meeting.** The Congregation shall hold an annual meeting during the final month of the fiscal year to be conducted at such time and place as determined by the Board. Written Notice of said annual meeting shall be sent to all members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, including notice of time, place, and proposed agenda. Notice shall be sent as set out in Article 15. The Board will coordinate its activities with the Nominating Committee and the Finance Committee to ensure that the notices of nominations and the proposed budget will be available for examination before the meeting as set out further in these bylaws.

**Article 4 – Board of Directors**

**Section 5: Regular Meetings of the Board.** The Board shall hold at least four (4) meetings each year to be conducted at such times and places as determined by the President. Notice of said meetings shall be posted in a prominent place in the congregational building at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting and Board Members shall be notified as set out in Article 15—either in writing or by telephone.

**Section 6: Special Meetings of the Board.** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board. At least three (3) days prior notice, as set out in Article 15 or by telephone, of the call shall be given to all members of the Board. At such a special meeting of the Board no action may be taken on removal of an Officer or Director, removal of a trustee of the Endowment Trust, removal of a Minister, or dissolution of the Congregation.

**Section 7: Emergency Meetings of the Board.** In an emergency, the President may call an extraordinary meeting of the Board on short notice provided good faith efforts have been made to contact all members of the Board as set out in Article 15 or by telephone. At such an emergency
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meeting of the Board no action may be taken on removal of an Officer or Director, removal of a
trustee of the Endowment Trust, removal of a Minister, acquisition or disposition of real
property, dissolution of the Congregation, adoption of a budget, or expenditures in excess of five
thousand dollars ($5,000.00). It is the intent of the Congregation that this provision for
emergency meeting of the Board be used in only extraordinary and unusual situations.

Article 15 – Notification
Any written notifications mandated in these bylaws shall be deemed to have occurred if either
notification is published in a Congregation Newsletter and mailed to the member by ordinary
United States mail to the address last registered by the member, or notification is mailed to the
member by ordinary United States mail to the address last registered by the member. Members of
the Congregation shall keep the Secretary of the Board informed of their mailing address.

Section 1: Notification. Written notifications mandated by these bylaws shall be deemed to have
occurred if either:
(a) notification is sent to the member by either ordinary United States mail or by electronic mail (e-
mail) at the address last registered with the secretary; or
(b) if notification is published in the congregational newsletter, the newsletter is sent to the member
by either ordinary United States mail or by electronic mail (e-mail) at the address last registered
with the secretary.

Section 2: Address registration. Members of the congregation shall inform the secretary in writing of
their current postal and e-mail addresses.

Second amendment

Article 5 – Committees of the Board

Section 1: Regular Standing Committees. The President shall appoint a chair for the following
regular standing committees: Finance; Religious Education; Program; Facilities; Fellowship; Social
Action; Long range planning; Electronics and Communications; Audit; and Membership and
Publicity. The committee chair shall select the members of the committee in consultation with the
President and shall act under the general supervision of the Board. The chair and members shall
serve terms concurrent with the Congregation fiscal year or until their successors have been
appointed.

Gwen Childs said eliminating Long Range Planning as a standing committee of the
Board was not controversial. There will still be long range planning but it will not be
undertaken every year and therefore does not require a standing committee.
When one is needed, it will be appointed as an ad hoc committee.
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Gwen noted that there was disagreement regarding expanded use of emailing for
notifications—specifically whether it could be used for the annual congregational meeting
and any special congregational meetings. She asked Rob Ewart, who had chaired the
Bylaws Revision Committee, to comment upon the work of the Committee. Rob was
followed by Berkley Moore who spoke against the adoption of the proposed amendments
as written.

Rob presented the rationale for permitting email notification for congregational
meetings—primarily that it was effective for the monthly newsletter and that it was
cheaper (less staff time and USPS postage not required). It made a lot of sense given the
financial pressures ALUUC continues to face.

By contrast, Berkley Moore said that some members who had an email address did not
have email access often and might not read the notification on a timely basis; also some
email is returned as undeliverable. Vi Lanum provided her own circumstances as an
example of the problems Berkley was talking about. Mattilou Catchpole said she
probably could be served adequately if we regularly sent all communication to both her
email addresses instead of to just one. Gwen and Rob said we would resend by USPS
(and/or communicate in other ways) in any instance where email came back to us as
undeliverable.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, Michael Plog and Bonnie Ettinger talked about the
multiple methods of communication that are used and would continue to be used—
Sunday bulletins and oral reminders, and the monthly church newsletter—that would
reduce the risk of anyone not knowing the date of the annual meeting. There will always
be a small risk of that under either past practice or what is proposed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments as included in the notice
of meeting
A motion was made and seconded to amend the initial motion so that for the annual
congregational meeting and any special congregational meetings USPS hard copy
mailing would be required
A vote was taken on the amendment by the raising of hands. The motion on the
amendment failed.
A voice vote was then taken on the original motion to approve the amendments as
included in the notice of meeting. That motion passed.

Gwen Childs thanked outgoing Board members for their service. She recognized Carol
Floyd for following through on many things in her role as Board Secretary. She thanked
At-Large Members Mark Hanson and Ceceilia Haasis for their efforts on behalf of the
Board.

Kitty Wrigley, standing in for Vice President Delinda Chapman who had had to leave the
meeting, presented a gift to President Gwen Childs on behalf of the 2008-9 Board
members to recognize Gwen’s leadership this year. Gwen thanked the Board for the gift.
Absentee ballots for UUA President
Members of the Congregation had been provided background on the two candidates who are candidates for the UUA presidential election to be held at the General Assembly in Salt Lake City later in June. The agreed decision rule was that our choice for absentee votes would be settled by simple majority in our straw poll except that if the second candidate got at least 25% in our poll, that candidate would get 1 vote so it would be 3 for the winner and 1 for the second candidate. We took the paper ballot straw poll. Peter Morales won a simple majority so he will get 3 of our 4 absentee votes, and Laurel Hallman received sufficient votes to qualify for one of our absentee votes.

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The motion passed by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.