

Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Annual Meeting

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A quorum of more than 51 members was present.

Kurt DeWeese , President, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Board officers present were: Kurt DeWeese (President), Victoria Vincent (Treasurer), Carol Bailey (Secretary), and Reverend Martin Woulfe. Committees and officers offering handouts were: the President, the Treasurer, Religious Education Committee, and Facilities Committee. Other reports presented to the members were: the Minister's Report, the Treasurer's Report, the Membership Coordinator's Report , Nominating Committee Report, Facilities Committee Report, and the Fellowship Committee Report.

**Inspiration-** Reverend Martin Woulfe

**Review of agenda** – There were no additions to the Agenda.

### **Minutes to the Congregation**

#### **President's Report**

The President Kurt DeWeese reported that all committees worked hard and accomplished many good results. The results were: contribution to the Chalice Lighters Fund, upgrading the computer system, financial management, updating and managing the web-site, the recording of the services by Jason Kluge, newsletter editing by Pam Daniel, choir organizing by Kathy McGuire, Religious Education Coordination by Marla Johnson, office management by Cheryl Wycoff, piano services by Bonnie Ettinger, OWL classes conducted by John Malan and Carley Mattimore-Malan. There are challenges with the property. We need a capital improvement task force, and may need anew funding source to pay for the projects. The out-going Board members were recognized with the gift of ---an "Honest to Goodness" cookbook. The recipients were Victoria Vincent for being the Treasurer. Doug Liberati for Social Concerns and Green Sanctuary, Roger Powers for Electronics/Communication, Cathy Talano for Fellowship, and Kelly Anderson for being the Secretary. There were recipients of note cards for their aiding the church during the year. These people were Cheryl Wycoff , Marla Johnson , Susan Solon, Bonnie Ettinger, Berkley Moore, Jason Kluge, Pam Daniel, Carol Kneedler, Kent Childs, Renata Buchloh, Vi Lanum, Randy Pratt, Meg Evans, Michael Plog, Jeff Bennett, Tina Bennett, Dianne Roberts-Hill, Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Debbie Leahy, Gwen and Kent Childs.

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### **Secretary's Report**

Dianne Roberts-Hill asked that there be one change of the June, 2010 report. There should be added the notation of a Religious Education report was given. Fred Dietz made a motion that we accept the amendment. Tom Clark seconded the motion, it was approved by acclamation.

Dan Schull moved we accept the amended report. Jeff Bennett seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

### **Minister's Report**

There were 29 Sunday services conducted and a Christmas Eve service. Also, there were two services by visiting ministers. There were 14 weddings, 2 others held by officiants (John Malan and Buffy Lael) , 6 memorial services, 2 child dedications, 6 new member services, and 2 union ceremonies. There were meetings and activities which Pat Goller and Randy Pratt made fun and successful. ALUUC will become a teaching congregation when Intern Lynnda White is working with us. 30 new members have joined since the last Annual Congregational Meeting. There are now 214 members at present. Martin Woulfe has participated in the National Member Nominating Committee, Chalice Lighters, General Assembly, Central Midwest District meetings and Labyrinth walk (Carley and John offered blessings) . Other activities the Minister has been involved with are Standing on the Side of Love, and Interfaith activities. This completes Martin's 10<sup>th</sup> year in the ministry and the 8<sup>th</sup> year with ALUUC.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The mortgage to the UUA will be paid in 2015. We should apply the amount of money paid to the UUA loan to the INB loan . If that is done, we should have that one paid off in 2017. We now have an in-house accountant, Nancy Kraus. Frank Kopecky asked Victoria to explain "contributions" as a revenue source. Victoria reported that "contributions" are payments made by an indentified source for which no pledge has been received. Many people are contributing that have not pledged, the amount coming in is good. Kent Childs made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Penny Wallen-Kriel seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

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### **Membership Coordinator's Report**

30 people have signed the membership book since the last Annual Meeting. All members are necessary when getting new members to stay and get involved in the Congregation. The committees that most new members have joined are the Facilities, Social Action and Fellowship Committees. More outreach for members needs to be done. Susan Solon didn't know about Unitarian Universalism before she first attended, and assumes that there are others who don't know of us either. People need to know that we respect many religious traditions and that we are a liberal religious community. Give Susan the name of any new people we believe need contact.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

The members of the Nominating Committee are Berkley Moore, Frank Kopecky, Buffy Lael, and Kitty Wrigley. The officers nominated for this year are: Kurt DeWeese, President; Phillip Anderson, Vice President; Carol Bailey, Secretary; George Metcalf, Treasurer; Michael Plog, Board member for one year; David Brunson, Board member for two years; Carol Floyd, Board member for two years; and Kathy McGuire, Board member for two years. Nominating Committee Members are Frank Kopecky, member for two years and Kitty Wrigley, member for two years. Appointed to the Committee on Ministry are: Mark Hanson, Tom Low, Debbie Hagan, Theresa Kanoza and Mary Ryan until 2013. The Endowment Committee must meet immediately to select a Chair, otherwise the Chair is appointed by the President. Chelsea Fry & Brian Reynolds, elected in 2010, will continue as Board members until 2012. Buffy Lael & Berkley Moore, elected in 2010, will continue on the Nominating Committee until 2012.

### **Election of Officers**

Kurt DeWeese asked if there were any nominations for the officers from the floor. There were no nominations. Tom Vaught moved the nominations be closed and the Nominating Report be accepted. Dan Schull seconded the motion. The officers were accepted by voice acclamation.

### **Facilities Report**

Kent Childs reported that 85 people participated in work days. They painted the office, lower parts of the outside walls and caulked upper parts of the outside wall. There has been a dramatic change to the court yard. The change was financed by the Louise Giesecke and Bonnie Ettinger funds. Gwen Childs and Debbie Leahy were the leaders in this effort. The church now needs special funds to pay for a new roof, making repairs to the outdoor chalice, repair to siding, to split the large Darwin room into two RE

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classrooms, repair the main ALUUC sign, and install a glass door to the Commons. In the future we will need furnace and air-conditioning repairs, new carpeting, a double garage for storage space, paving the driveway, and the phone system needs new wiring. A wish list of needed items is to be put on the web site.

### **Fellowship Report**

Randy Pratt reported. He thanked members and friends of the congregation who helped to bring snacks, food for pot lucks, organizing and participating in Circle Dinners, game nights, and special events. There will be 7 or 8 coffee houses. The activities are to bring the community together. Randy asked the committees to communicate their plans with the Fellowship Committee for better coordination.

### **Social Action Report**

Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant reported. David Brunson and Bonnie and Bernie Carver are members. There was reverse Trick or Treating, money collected for Pakistan and Japan. They also held a Conversation Café. There were contacts and assistance given to Contact Ministry, Peace Camp, Prayer for Peace, and the Unity Rally for Peace. The congregation donated \$1,020.75 for food to be distributed and the SOS shelter. They also showed "Dirt" the movie.

### **Endowment Fund Report**

Jeffrey Bennett reported that the committee comprised of Wes Duiker, John Glosser, and Carol Floyd. After moving the Endowment Fund, comprised of two mutual funds, was moved from Wells Fargo to AG Edwards. The present total is \$71,521.17. The Board can request 10% of the principal if needed.

### **Religious Education Report**

Diane Roberts-Hill reported that more volunteers are needed.

### **Additional Business**

Kurt DeWeese reported that the Finance and Audit Committees needed members. Rob Ewart mentioned that the By-laws require an Audit Committee.

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**Amendment to Bylaws**

Amend Article V, "COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD,, Section 1: Regular Standing Committees" by adding "Green Sanctuary" after "Social Action" to give that group formal permanent status. Jeffrey Bennett moved the Amendment be accepted. Berkley Moore seconded the motion.

Penny Wollan-Kriel moved that the meeting be adjourned, Wes Duiker seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.