

Annual Meeting Minutes - Draft

Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

June 2, 2013

Board members present: President Phillip Anderson, Treasurer Posy Flatt, Secretary Kathy Schultz, Michael Plog, Peggy Patty, Laura Quigley, and Kathy Whitworth. Also, Reverend Martin Woulfe, Ministerial Intern Lynnda White, and Membership Coordinator Susan Solon.

Absent: Vice-President David Brunson, Eugena Austin.

A quorum of members was present.

CALL TO ORDER: President Phillip Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm, and Reverend Martin Woulfe gave words of inspiration.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Posy Flatt pointed out that in the section for “Minister’s Report” it should be corrected to read, “He stated that he is beginning his 10th year....” Michael Plog made the motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Frank Kopecky seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Anderson will submit his official report. He pointed out how ALUUC has been growing in membership; it is financially doing well; and we’ve been reaching out to the community.

MINISTER’S REPORT: Reverend Woulfe will be submitting a five-page report. He spoke of important highlights in the report including: ALUUC, with leadership from Peggy Patty, stepped up as a Welcoming Congregation, and advocate rallying for marriage equality during the state legislative session. We have been fortunate to have Lynnda White as our ministerial intern, and now she has graduated. This year was the ALUUC Diamond Jubilee, and he has served as minister for a decade. Also, again we are involved with Habitat for Humanity in our community. There’s been a large scope of activities taking place at ALUUC. Currently we have 237 members, and we are in the top 20% of churches in the UUA with a growing membership.

INTERN MINISTER’S REPORT: Lynnda White submitted her report and pointed out some of the things she’s worked on this year including: Habitat for Humanity; Covenant Groups, in particular the Mutual Support Group; one ceremony of union; one vigil at the state capitol; leading the

Jim Crow book discussion group; preaching once; and then graduation. She gave kind words of being a part of ALUUC as an intern and thanking everyone for their support.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR REPORT: Susan Solon submitted her report. This year 30 new members joined ALUUC. She reminded everyone that the key to gaining new members is getting people involved in activities here at ALUUC. She also let us know some summer ideas for activities coming this summer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Posy Flatt began by recognizing and thanking volunteers who impact the financials of ALUUC: our accountant, Nancy Kraus; Victoria Vincent, and those who help on Sundays in Posy's absence. She submitted the Board's proposed "Revised ALUUC FY 2014 Budget (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014). Dan Schull made the motion to accept the budget. The motion was seconded by Fred Dietz, and approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Frank Kopecky announced the candidates:

Officers - (One Year Terms)

President - Michael Plog

Vice President - Peggy Patty

Secretary - Posy Flatt

Treasurer - Victoria Vincent

Board Members - (Two Year Terms)

David Brunson

Virginia Forrer

Roger Ryan

Eugena Austin (Previously Elected until 2014)

Linda Quigley (Previously Elected until 2014)

Kathy Whitworth (Previously Elected until 2014)

Nominating Committee - (Two Year Terms)

Ricky Stead

Kitty Wrigley

Amanda Metcalf (Previously Elected until 2014)

Berkley Moore (Previously Elected until 2014)

Endowment Trust - (Six Year Terms)

Carol Floyd (Previously Elected until 2014)

Jeff Bennett (Previously Elected until 2016)

Wes Duiker (Previously Elected until 2016)

Victoria Vincent (Previously Elected until 2018)

Penny Wollan-Kriel made the motion to accept the candidates as nominated. Kent Childs seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Frank Kopecky also announced that Beverly Holmes and Delinda Chapman are additional members to the Committee on Ministry.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT PROPOSALS: In the absence of Berkley Moore, Frank Kopecky spoke on the proposed changes in Article IV and Article VI regarding procedures of the Nominating Committee and Committee on Ministry. Discussion took place – Tom Vaught had objection to there being a need for changes. Martin explained that the changes were to protect democratic election and were a tweaking in wording. These proposals were tabled by President Anderson to end discussion as there was lack of understanding of the proposals and motions did not occur.

With regards to the proposal to change Article V and create a standing Music Committee, discussion occurred questioning the need for another standing committee and that it could first be an ad hoc committee or remain with the Program Committee. Bonnie Ettinger made the motion to accept the by-law amendment and create a standing Music Committee. Frank Kopecky seconded the motion. A vote had to be taken by a count of hands. Twenty-nine members voted to approve the motion and twenty voted against the motion. Therefore, the motion failed because it did not receive 2/3 of the congregation's approval.

MOTION (ROOF): Kurt DeWeese from the Finance Committee explained this motion: "Pursuant to requirements of the Bylaws of the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation (ALUUC), as last amended June 12, 2012, the ALUUC authorizes expenditures in excess of \$5,000 to plan and implement the following project:

- Repair/replace, as necessary, the roof of the existing facility of the ALUUC located @ 745 Woodside Road, Springfield, Illinois 62711.

The ALUUC Board, together with the ALUUC Facilities and Finance Committees, will determine the final cost, method and schedule for funding and implementing the project within financial resources that are either immediately available or financed through the most reasonable and prudent manner possible."

Gwen Childs made the motion that the Board be allowed to move on roof repairs because the building currently has new leaks. This would include shingling, repairing the venting system, and may include an architectural change in the back sections. The motion was seconded by Kent Childs. Much discussion occurred—available funding, necessity of immediate repairs—until Ed Schultz called the question. The vote was taken and motion approved.

MOTION (SOLAR POWER): Bob Croteau gave an explanation of this motion regarding the project to build a solar prairie meditation shelter (see attached map of design):

“Pursuant to requirements of the Bylaws of the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation (ALUUC), as last amended June 12, 2012, the ALUUC authorizes expenditures in excess of \$5,000 to plan and implement the following project:

- Construction/installation of a special solar-powered electric production facility to augment the existing power source related to the operation of the main buildings of the ALUUC located @ 745 Woodside Road, Springfield, Illinois 62711.

The ALUUC Board, together with the ALUUC Facilities and Finance Committees, will determine the final cost, method and schedule for funding and implementing the project within financial resources that are either immediately available or financed through the most reasonable and prudent manner possible.”

Frank Kopecky made the motion to accept the above as written. Bonnie Ettinger seconded the motion. Much discussion occurred, including the offer from Jacqueline Jackson to donate \$1000.00 towards the project. Vote was taken and motion approved.

MOTION (STORAGE FACILITY): This motion was removed by Kurt DeWeese.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

ADJOURNMENT: President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Schultz