

Annual Meeting Minutes 2013

Meeting was called to order at 12:37 pm.

Determination of a Quorum:

There are 98 voting members including 41 proxy ballots.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Narrative of the Past Year and Celebrations/Appreciations:

Lynn Yates presented UUCR's accomplishments and the happenings of the past year. A lot of work has been done, and we have much to celebrate. Lynn thanked several people who have been particularly generous with their time and skills to the benefit of the church.

Nomination of Slate for 2013:

Michael Gettings read the slate of nominees for the Board, Endowment Committee, and Nominating Committee. No nominations were received from the floor. A motion was made to accept the nominations, was seconded, and voted on by written ballot. The Nominating Committee was thanked for their efforts.

Approval of the 2013-14 Budget:

Michael Gettings presented the proposed 2013-14 budget and answered questions from the membership.

Discussion from floor included:

Clarification for a budget line item.

Clarification of change in DLFD's salary.

A suggestion to change the name of Account 5490, Depreciation.

Explanation of cell phone tower lease increases.

Clarification of changes to the youth group budget.

Explanation of changes in district and UUA dues, which will combine into one amount.

Clarification that, under the new dues system, UUCR will be eligible for all UUA and district services.

A motion was made to accept the proposed 2013-14 budget, was seconded, and voted on by written ballot.

Proposed Bylaw Changes:

Michael Gettings discussed the bylaw change related to meetings of the membership. The proposed change would require 15% of the membership instead of 10 members to call a meeting. Also, a meeting of the Board and the petitioners was proposed as a buffer to potentially allow for resolution of the concern prior to the meeting.

Discussion from floor included:

A proposal to reject the proposed bylaw and instead work on a new bylaw revision that separates the rules for calling congregational meetings for personnel matters from congregational meetings for other matters.

A proposal to keep a fixed number of members as a threshold for calling a congregational meeting rather than using a percentage.

A request to better clarify roles of minister, Board and congregation, and improved processes for determining the congregation's satisfaction with the minister.

Clarification that membership numbers are well-defined and reported annually to the UUA, making the percentage calculation straightforward.

A proposal to reduce the percentage of members to call a congregational meeting to 10%.

Michael Gettings read the proposed bylaw change for the Committee on Harmonious Relations (CHR) and discussed the reasons for changing it.

Discussion from the floor included:

Clarification regarding exactly what part of the bylaw was being changed.

Clarification that the proposed bylaw better reflects the current operation of the committee.

Votes to approve or disapprove the proposed bylaw changes were cast by written ballot.

Special Collections:

Michael Gettings and Lorraine Fleck discussed special collections for the coming fiscal year. Votes for recipients of special collections were cast by written ballot.

Vision:

Pastor David Owen-O'Quill discussed the church's vision for the future and upcoming plans in the next year. This included new covenant groups, mission groups, and adult religious exploration classes, many of which will kick off in Fall 2013. Pastor Dave encouraged all to attend and be involved.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm.

Results:

A total of 98 ballots were cast including 41 proxies. Results are as follows:

Slate of candidates – Unanimously approved.

Budget – Unanimously approved.

Bylaw revisions – Approved with 88 yes votes and 7 no votes (3 abstained).

Recipients of Special Collections – Top four vote getters are New Horizons Healthcare (40 votes), Blue Ridge Literacy (35 votes), Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) (34 votes), and Family Promise (31 votes).

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Livingston, Board Clerk