



June 13, 2010
Tapestry Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

Welcome to the 2010 Tapestry Annual Meeting. While people are taking their seats, I'd like to thank Noah Keen for providing childcare. I'd also like to thank Michael Boys and the office volunteers for distributing the agenda and copying meeting materials, and Dave Salahi for getting information on-line so quickly.

From the posted agenda for reference:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings (June 2009)
4. Report of the Standing & Ad Hoc Committees
5. Report of the Minister
6. Report of the President
7. Report of the Treasurer
8. Consideration and adoption of new budget
9. Old Business (none)
10. New Business
 - a. Proposed bylaw change related to definition of when membership ceases
11. Nominating Committee's Report
12. Election of Trustees and Nominating Committee
13. Adjourn

Call to Order

Good afternoon. I call the Annual Meeting to order at 11:28 a.m. Please take your seats.

Our membership stands at 150 members. According to the bylaws we need 25 percent of the membership present to constitute a quorum to conduct business, which is 37 members. You are a member if you have signed the book and made a pledge (also called an annual gift). Please raise your hand if you are a member so we can take a count.

Minister: Rev. Tom Owen-Towle (consulting)
Director of Religious Exploration: Katelynn Riva **Office Administrator:** Michael Boys
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Robert Jordan Ross
President: Connie Pursell **VP Finance:** Bev Huff **VP Operations:** Mark Fox
Treasurer: Jacqueline Jenkins **Secretary:** Laura Jackson **Trustees:** Keith Tuominen, Scott Ramirez, Julia Rampone

Will the Secretary please record that 65 members are present? For the record for bylaws changes, 2/3s of that number is 44.

We conduct these meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, or as close as we can come to it. I'm going to take a moment to refresh everyone's memory about how this goes:

First, we need to stick to the agenda that was distributed. Any new issues or items introduced will need to be taken outside the meeting or deferred to the next congregational meeting because they were not published in the agenda that was distributed to the membership.

I will introduce an agenda item, with a very brief explanation. For items that need a vote, I will end with a request for a motion. Someone will make a motion. Then without any discussion, someone else must second the motion to put the topic into discussion. Then I'll ask if there is any discussion. Remember, discussion is not mandatory. We can go right to a vote. If you do want to speak, please raise your hand. I will call on speakers by saying, "the chair recognizes _____". Please wait for the microphone so that everyone can hear you.

Discussion needs to **focus specifically on the pros and cons** of a particular motion. When you begin speaking, also please repeat your name so that the Secretary can record it, and state whether you are speaking in favor or opposed to the motion. Only one motion can be on the floor at a time. If someone wants to amend a motion, discussion shifts to the merits of the amendment to the motion, which must be voted on before we go back to the original motion.

When there is no more discussion or there is consensus to stop discussion, I will call for a vote. Only members can vote. I'll say, all in favor, and you say aye, all opposed, and you say nay. I ask for any abstentions. If it is too close to tell from a voice vote, we'll do a hand count. For most of the business we conduct, only a simple majority is required. However, a bylaw change requires approval of 2/3 of the members present. We will take a count for those votes.

Approval of Agenda

I will consider a motion to approve the agenda that was posted on the Tapestry web page and published in the packet that was distributed.

MOTION (MOTION 1): I move to accept the Annual Meeting agenda as distributed and posted.

Jacqueline Jenkins

Second

Freeman Clarke

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Approval of the Minutes of the June 2009 Annual Meeting

In the June annual 2009 meeting, we recognized the contributions of all who made Tapestry what it is; we recognized and said 'goodbye' to Rev. Mitra Rahnehma; we changed our bylaws related to the term of office of the President and the VP Operations. We announced that we would have a new consulting minister in the fall, Rev. Tom Owen-Towle.

Can I have a motion to accept the minutes of the June 2009 Annual Meeting?

MOTION (MOTION 2): I move that we accept the minutes of the June 2009 Annual Meeting as written.

Marcia Meyer

Second: Julia Rampone

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Report of the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

The report of the standing and ad hoc committees was prepared by each committee chair and posted on our web site. If you haven't had a chance to review the report, please do. It is an excellent summary of the congregation's many accomplishments this year.

Report of the Minister

Rev. Tom Owen-Towle gave his annual report within the context of his sermon earlier to day. The full text will be made available on line. Does anyone have any questions?

Jocelyn Cooper – number of members went down to 150. Asked was there any growth?

Connie Pursell: Yes but we gained 17 members this year Actual numbers were inaccurate due to incorrect record keeping.

Rev Tom - Attendance also has been strong which is a good barometer of our congregational wellbeing.

Report of the President

Report was provided in advance

Connie – This was a year like no other she has experienced. A “contingency rich” environment.

Presidents Award – presented to Lynn Cowan (present) and Jon Eckhardt (unable to attend)

Christina and Scott Ramirez entered meeting with their new daughter, they received a warm welcome.

Announce Members of Ministerial Search Committee

Tara Sayre (unable to attend)

Dave Kinnear (present)

Martin Whitehead (present)

Kathy Spahn (present)

Sheryl Hagen (present)

Report of the Treasurer

Will Jacqueline Jenkins please come forward to make the Treasurer’s report?

Bank accounts are in good shape with pledges and investments.

Rent is only area where we exceeded budget due to delay in move.

Next on the agenda is the consideration and adoption of the budget for 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Consideration and Adoption of the New Budget

I'd like to thank Bev Huff for many hours of work on the proposed budget. And, the members of the Board are to be commended for their countless hours trying to balance Tapestry's income and expenses with Tapestry's vision & needs.

Will Bev please come forward to present the proposed budget?

MOTION (MOTION 3): I move that we approve the 2010-2011 budget as submitted.

Jim Semelroth
Second – Penny Kinnear

Discussion:

Keith Tuominen - Question about admin expenses changed

Bev - Difference in OA expense is for search committee activity. Budget for search is based on usual for a congregation of our size and location

Kristin Kazumaki – question on move budget – not shown in this budget

Bev Huff – it is in a separate budget once we have bids and uses allowance and growth fund.

Connie Pursell - this separate budget to be approved by the board

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Old Business

We have no old business, so we will move on to new business.

New Business

There is one item of New Business for consideration, an amendments to our Bylaws, which require 2/3 vote of the congregation.

Background: The Tapestry Bylaws were created in 1995, when the two congregations defined membership in the congregation as follows:

ARTICLE IV Members

Section 1 - Membership:

Any person may become a Member of the Congregation who has attained at least sixteen (16) years of age, has signed the Congregation Membership Book in the presence of the President and/or one of the Vice Presidents and/or the Parish Minister, is in sympathy with the general purposes of the Congregation, and has stated an interest in assisting in the furtherance of these purposes, has attended an orientation session with the Parish

Minister, and at a minimum, makes an identifiable financial pledge covering Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), Pacific South West District (PSWD), and individual membership mailing (such as Newsletter, Official Notices) costs. The financial requirement for membership may be waived by the Parish Minister or the president in the case of financial hardship.

Section 2 - Termination of Membership:

Membership in the Congregation shall automatically terminate when such Member: (1) resigns the Membership in writing; (2) is known to be deceased; (3) has made no financial contribution to the Congregation for one (1) year and does not reply affirmatively within thirty (30) days when requested in writing by the Secretary to indicate the Member's intent to continue financial contributions and when such contributions have not been waived; or (4) has moved outside the County, unless such Member has expressly requested to remain a Member of the Congregation.

Resolution: That "Section 2 – Termination of Membership" be amended as follows:

Section 2 - Termination of Membership:

*Membership in the Congregation shall automatically terminate when such Member: (1) resigns the Membership in writing; (2) is known to be deceased; (3) has made no financial contribution **that would cover Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), Pacific South West District (PSWD), and individual membership mailing (such as Newsletter, Official Notices) costs for one (1) fiscal year** and does not reply affirmatively within thirty (30) days when requested in writing by the Secretary to indicate the Member's intent to continue financial contributions and when such contributions have not been waived; or (4) has moved outside the County, unless such Member has expressly requested to remain a Member of the Congregation.*

Rationale: The intent of the framers of the Bylaws, as evidenced by the membership paragraph, was to have members at least cover the costs to the congregation of their membership. However, that intent is not evident in the wording of Section 2. This amended wording would clarify the issue for the entire congregation.

Do I have a motion?

MOTION (MOTION 4): I move that we approve Bylaw Amendments to Article IV, Section 2 as presented.

Jay Keithahn

Second – Dave Kinnear

Discussion

Lois Huddleston– How much are the dues currently? PSWD and UUA together is about \$75.

Jim Semelroth – requested clarification. Are we covering members dues for the whole year?

Connie Pursell - The dues are paid as and when the funds are available

Michael Boys – how is a waiver handled?

Connie Pursell– The minister can waive membership fees in case of financial hardship.

Lois Huddleston: The official count for dues is in January

Motion to call the question – seconded

Aye 57

Nay 2

Abstentions 2

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Now we will move to the report of the Nominating Committee.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Slate of board Members and Trustees

Almost done folks. We need to approve the new slate of Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of trustees:

- **President – Connie Pursell** (2010 - 2011)
- **Vice President of Operations – Carl Schmid** (2010 - 2011)
- **Vice President of Finance – Bev Huff** (2009 – 2011)
- **Treasurer - Jacqueline Jenkins** (2009 – 2012) (completed one year partial term; beginning two-year full term)
- **Secretary – Barbara Bradley** (2010 – 2012)
- **Trustee - Laura Jackson** (2010 – 2012)
- **Trustee - Keith Tuominen** (2009 – 2011)
- **Trustee - Scott Ramirez** (2009 – 2011)

MOTION (MOTION 5): I move to approve the slate of Board Members and Trustees as submitted.

Marcia Meyer
Second- Freeman Clarke

Discussion

Jan Meslin – how does one find out about being on the board?

Connie Pursell- please talk to member of nominating committee or a board member

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Approval of New Nominating Committee

Finally, we need to approve the new Nominating Committee Members. Proposed members are:

- **Christine Krueger, Chair (1 year) 08-10**
- **TBD (2 years) 10-12**
- **Jay Keithahn (1 year) 08-10**
- **Marcia Meyer (2 years) 09-11**

MOTION (MOTION 6): I move to approve the members of the Nominating Committee as submitted.

Julia Rampone
Second – Keith Tuominen

Adding 4th person as soon as possible, see Chair of committee to apply.

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Adjournment

At this point, I would like to thank you all for everything you do for this community, for your patience and support of me and this Board over the past years.

It has been an honor to serve Tapestry this past year as its President. I am looking forward seeing to what the community will continue to do in the coming years. Namaste.

Do I have a motion to adjourn?

MOTION (MOTION 7): I move that we adjourn the meeting

Dick Huddleston
second Freeman Clarke

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Summary of proposed MOTIONS

#1 MOTION: I move to accept the Annual Meeting agenda as distributed and posted.

#2 MOTION: I move that we accept the minutes of the June 2009 Annual Meeting as written.

#3 MOTION: I move that we approve the 2010-2011 budget as submitted.

#4 MOTION – I move that we approve bylaw amendments to Article IV (Members), Section 2 - Termination of Membership

#5 MOTION: I move to approve the slate of Board Members and Trustees as submitted.

#6 MOTION: I move to approve the members of the Nominating Committee as submitted.

#7 MOTION: I move that we adjourn the meeting