

UNITY CHURCH OF PEACE
Annual Membership Meeting
January 31, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Donna Loflin led the congregation in an opening prayer.

Roll Call

Rev. Donna introduced the Board to the congregation:

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| Alicia Uselmann - Board President | John Bauer – Trustee |
| Rima Riggs - Vice President | Carmen Oberoi – Trustee (absent) |
| Renee Peters – Treasurer | Richard Curtis - Alternate |
| Sam King – Secretary (absent) | |

Rev. Donna has asked Renee Peters to read and Vivian Walthall to take notes and for both to act as secretary pro tem.

Active members signed in and were given their respective blue voting cards and with a total of 43 active members were present and constituted a forum according to **Bylaws Article V Section 1-C**, read by Renee Peters, Secretary pro tem.

Reading of the minutes from Annual Membership Meeting - March 1, 2015

Renee Peters, as a Secretary pro tem read the minutes from 2015 Annual Membership Meeting. President Alicia Uselmann asked for any corrections to minutes from 2015 Annual Membership Meeting. Minutes were approved as written by general consent.

Treasurer's Report

An internal audit was completed by three (3) Church members and all figures were found to be correct. Renee Peters, Treasurer, presented the end of the year Income of \$77,899 and Expenses of \$68,138 with a net income of \$9,760. Our bank balance (as liquid assets of checking and savings) is \$30,054 with our Building (restricted funds) of \$118,912. No questions were asked and Treasurer's Report was filed by the Secretary.

Bills and Communications

President Alicia Uselmann was not aware of any additional bills or communications and that all bills and communication were up to date for the year 2015.

Election of Board Members

Renee Peters, as Secretary pro tem read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- A.**

Rev. Donna noted that the Nominating Committee included: Dick Parnell, Phyllis Stanzioni, Rima Riggs and Rev. Donna.

President Alicia Uselmann asked if they were any nominations from the floor. Nominees must have previously consented to be nominated and here were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed.

Renee Peters, as Secretary pro tem read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- D.**

The tellers are: Glenn Nelson, Lynn Ann Mullins, and Dick Parnell and they passed out the ballots, collected them, and will count the ballots. Alicia warned that to have a counted vote you must vote for two people only, as a ballot with three votes will be voided.

Minister Report- "State of the Ministry" by Rev. Donna Loftin

- Attendance is up and our finances are doing better, as it takes about \$1,500 per week to keep the ministry going.
- The Church has joined the Unity Branding Program and it is on our website and new business cards have been purchased. The upgrades will be adding the Sunday Service to the website along with a 'donate' button. There will be other upgrades coming.
- There are 105 subscribers to the weekly newsletter not only from this Church, but from all over the United States.
- The class attendance is improving and one of the items that the Board wanted was the opportunity for more classes. With the first Unity Basics class we added 6 new members. There is a current Unity Basics class going on that will also bring in new members.
- Our new volunteer coordinator is Sandy. There is a vision for new and different teams for this Church and there will be a Volunteer Fair on February 14th after the service.
- The grounds are beautiful, but they are being cleaned up and there is still more work to be done to the building, inside and out. Bob and Rev. Donna put in the budget for a projector in the Community Room. The current projector does not work properly.
- Thank you to my husband and to all that have been working to make the grounds and building beautiful.
- The building will be freshened up with painting a new color for the inside.
- The budget is very optimistic for 2016 with continued growth.
- There are huge changes in our Unity movement, with a change to the training process. It looks like the two separate ministries will unite to be on the main campus. Unity Worldwide Ministries has a campaign of "Bring It Home" and Donna Johnson, the President/CEO wrote a 'Declaration of Interdependence,' which is available to read in the Community Room.

- Plans for expansion? Not yet as more funds would have to be saved and the Church would have to go to two services to make feasible.
- A question regarding advertisements in the paper was asked and Rev. Donna assured the membership that there was an ad in the paper every Saturday with the Church news and our ad was in the best location as it was the very last ad.
- Another question was if Rev. Donna was going to put one of her sermons in the paper? Maybe.

Teller's Report

Dick Parnell gave the Teller's Report to President Uselmann. Alicia reported that the two new Board members are: Vick Emmelkamp and Carmen Oberoi with Pat White as the alternate member for one year.

Alicia recognized the outgoing Board member John Bauer who has served for the past three years. Alicia also recognized Phil Kelley and Richard Curtis as both served as the alternate trustee during this past year.

New Nomination Committee

Renee Peters moved to nominate **Nancy Bauer** as the regular member on the Nominating Committee; this was seconded and approved.

Renee Peters moved to nominate **Phyllis Stanzioni** as the alternate member on the Nominating Committee; this was seconded and approved.

The third member of this committee will be chosen from the Board of Trustees.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Alicia Uselmann asked if there were any new business. No new business was presented and the meeting was adjourned.

CLOSING PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

In closing, Rev. Donna led the congregation in the Prayer for Protection.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Vivian Walthall

Secretary pro tem