

**UNITY CHURCH OF PEACE**  
Annual Membership Meeting  
February 4, 2018

Rima Riggs called the Annual Membership meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Roll Call**

Active members signed in and were given their respective blue voting cards and with a total of 56 active members were present and constituted a quorum according to **Bylaws Article V Section 1-C**, read by Geri Lenigan, Secretary.

**Minutes from the February 12, 2017 Annual Meeting**

The minutes from the 2017 meeting were posted at [unitychurchofpeace.com](http://unitychurchofpeace.com) website and were available prior to the meeting. President Rima Riggs asked for any corrections to minutes from 2017 Annual Membership Meeting. Minutes were approved as written by general consent.

**Treasurer's Report**

An internal audit was completed by Church members and all figures were found to be correct to the best of our knowledge as of 12/31/17.

Mary Curtis, Treasurer, presented the financial information. Last year we spent \$121,297 and total income of \$163,933 leaving us with a positive balance of \$42,635. Building Fund balance is \$144,915.

The current budget information is available on the counter outside the sanctuary. David Beard moved to accept this information; seconded and approved.

**Bills and Communications**

President Rima Riggs was not aware of any additional bills or communications and that all bills and communication were up to date for the year 2017.

**Election of Board Members**

Geri Lenigan, as Secretary read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- A.**

Rima Riggs noted that the Nominating Committee included: Rev. Donna Loflin, Judy Lee, Kim Wilcox and Rima Riggs. Rev. Donna presented the slate of candidates: Tuesian Alicock, Rima Riggs, and Richard (Rick) Wilson.

President Rima Riggs 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.

Geri Lenigan, as Secretary read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- D.**

The tellers are: Richie Bonini, Lynn Ann Mullins, and Renee Peters. Rima Riggs warned that to have a counted vote you must vote for two people only, as a ballot with three votes will be voided.

The tellers collected the ballots and went into the office to count them.

### **Nomination Committee - election**

Phyllis Stanzione and Tracey Hynes volunteered to be on the 2018 Nominating Committee. This slate of candidates was voted on and approved.

Phyllis Stanzione will be the regular member with Tracey Hynes being the alternate member on the Nominating Committee.

### **Minister's Report and Ministry Teams**

- Minister's Report – Rev. Donna Loflin
  - Reported 16 new members this past year.
  - Growth & expansion: With YFM growth our new expansion goals are go to 2 services while we are working to build a new church building.
  - We will begin 2 services on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Services will be a smaller contemplative service at 9 a.m, and a “regular” service including YFM at 11 a.m.
  - Fellowship will be held in between services at 10:00 a.m.
  - Website is growing and now sends out over 200 emails weekly
  - New finance team has been established to help figure out how to pay for new building.
  - A new volunteer coordinator as well as a new events coordinator have been named. These are volunteer positions.
  
- Building and Grounds – John Lenigan
  - The gazebo has been stained and had a new roof put on.
  - We had some minor roof repairs done prior to hurricane Irma, Thankfully it helped curtail damaged from the storm
  - The building has 5 awnings and all are being replaced.
  - All of the ceiling tiles damaged from hurricane Irma have been replaced. The B & G team did all the work. They found exact matching tiles and only needed to replace the damaged one for a huge cost savings.
  - The flooring issue is still in play but we are now working with Lowes Corporate to see if we can get better satisfaction.
  - The damaged tree and stump have been removed from the front of the building. The company did a great job.
  - The B & G Team is scheduling a quarterly garden clean up.

- Outreach – Renee Peters
  - Renee noted all the good we have accomplished this past year. She stated we gave out 24 Easter Baskets, we collected sunscreen and socks as well have gave 6 thanksgiving baskets and some very generous cash donations to the Homeless Coalition.
  - We also were able to help 35 children from the Atwater Elementary School have a merrier Christmas thru our Giving Tree donations.

Rev. Donna asked if the members had any questions or concerns. The following items were presented:

- ✓ Phil Kelley asked a question concerning the 2 services and when would child care be available. There will only be child care/ YFM at the 11:00 a.m. service.

### **Teller's Report**

Richie Bonini returned with the Teller's Report. Richie reported that the two new Board members are: Richard (Rick) Wilson and Rima Riggs Trustees with Tuesian Alicock as the alternate member for one year.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

Rima Riggs asked if there were any new business. No new business was presented and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

### **CLOSING PRAYER FOR PROTECTION**

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

Submitted by,

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