

Unity Church of Peace
Annual Membership meeting
February 10, 2019

Board President Rima Riggs called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.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 for the board of trustees vote and an orange voting ballot for the proposed by law change. A total of 61 active members were present and constituted a quorum according to **Bylaws Article V Section 1-C**, read by Carmen Oberoi, Secretary.

Minutes from the February 4, 2018 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2018 meeting were posted at unitychurchofpeace.com website and were available prior to the meeting. President Rima Riggs asked for any corrections to minutes from 2018 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 12/31/18.

Mary Curtis, Treasurer, presented the financial information. We are solvent and have no debt. Our income was \$144015. We had tithe income of \$91,271. By bringing on Paypal and now accept credit cards, we have increased income by approximately \$2620 & \$2625 respectively with each of these venues.

Building fund brought in \$12,761 this year bringing our current Building Fund total to \$158,195.34. We have moved a good portion of the fund into a higher interest CD and are making good interest on our savings.

UCoP has tithed/ gifted approximately 10% of its income for a total of \$18212.

Our current Total Assets are \$504,895.

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 2018.

Carmen Oberoi, as Secretary read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- A.**

Rima Riggs noted that the Nominating Committee included: Rev. Donna Loflin, Phyllis Stanzione and Tracey Hynes as alternate. Phyllis Stanzione presented the slate of candidates in alphabetical order: Tuesian Allicock, David Beard, Vickie Edwards, Pam Harrington.

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.

Carmen Oberoi, as Secretary read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- D.**

The tellers are: Raquel Alcaraz, Lynn Ann Petersen and Karol Self. Rima Riggs warned that to have a counted vote you must vote for three people only, as a ballot with four votes will be voided.

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

The return counts are as follows:

Tuesian Allicock-elected trustee Pam Harrington-elected trustee

David Beard-Tied for trustee Vickie Edwards-Tied for trustee

David requested to be alternate. It was approved.

Nomination Committee - election

Phyllis Stanzione and Tracey Hynes volunteered to be on the 2019 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
Rev. Donna was happy to report that UCoP had a great year of growth. She also expressed her heart felt appreciation for the love, support and food she got from the congregation as a whole throughout the previous very tough year. She was happy to report the following:
 - Reported 20 new members this past year.
 - The success of running 2 services since March 4th, 2018. Both services are filling up!
 - We had accommodated 660 people for services in December 2018 by having 13 services, including several special services such as our a new general memorial service for anyone we lost during the year, Christmas Eve and Burning Bowl.
 - We must double what we have in the building fund before we can even consider taking a loan for a new building. She does not want to create a huge debt for the church.
 - We are looking to grow YFM. We have a few of the kids becoming Uni-teens. We will be needing space.
 - We added money to the 2019 budget for a music director. Someone who will plan all music, play piano and all other music needs.
 - Pilgrimage to Unity Village. We have 13 people going to Unity Village on April 1st. Very exciting
 - Small groups are going strong. We hope to continue them.
 - We are hoping to modernize our sign by the street. Looking at different options.

Building and grounds report:

Ken Hill was happy to report the following:

- Building and grounds work days have been a huge success thanks to all of the volunteers who have been showing up monthly to help do some of the bigger projects including, cleaning the sheds, removing some trees and stumps, cleaning up the meditation path and cleaning and painting the fountain.
- Future projects include The new sign, removal of the lattice work shed area up against the building, possible gutter installation and getting the outdoor sprinkler system to work.
- The building is being re-keyed. There will be a new list created of key holders.

Outreach report:

Renee Peters was happy to report:

- We donated 6 Thanksgiving baskets to local needy families this past holiday season
- We made Christmas for 41 children and their families with the giving tree this past season. This did not include any Toys for Tots that we also collected.
- Outreach goes where the community needs us, We meet them where they are. She gave an all call for volunteers.

Teller's Report

Raquel Alcaraz returned with the Teller's Report. It was reported that the two new Board members are: Tuesian Allicock and Pam Harrington, there was a tie for the 3rd position between David Beard and Vickie Edwards. David Beard requested the Alternate Trustee position for 1 year. It was granted.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Rima Riggs asked if there were any new business.

Board Trustee Frank Colonna made a motion for a proposed change to the church by laws.

The motion reads as follows: Article V: Meetings, Section 1: Annual meetings, Paragraph B: Notice,

Current language:

Notice: Written notice stating date, time and place of the annual meeting will be mailed to all active members at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.

Proposed change:

Active members will be notified by electronic or US Mail of the date, time and the place of the annual meeting at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.

Donna Sanford seconded the motion.

There was one question asking for clarification. It means that you may be notified of annual meetings by email.

The votes were cast, collected and tallied.

The motion passed 59 to 2.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Rev. Donna closed with a benediction.