

Unity Church of Peace
Annual Membership meeting
February 9, 2020

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Board President Mary Curtis called the meeting to order at 12:31 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 62 active members were present and constituted a quorum according to **Bylaws Article V Section 1-C**, read by Vickie Edwards, Secretary.

Minutes from the February 10, 2019 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2019 meeting were posted at unitychurchofpeace.com website and were available prior to the meeting. President Mary Curtis asked for any corrections to minutes from 2019 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 12/31/19.

Pam Harrington, Treasurer, presented the financial information. Total Income: \$147,399.13. Total Expense: \$144,534.11 including church tithes. Net Income: 2,865.02. Monthly expenses: \$7,200.00. Average tithing: 7,716.00/ month. Please see attached report for detailed information including building fund, tithing info and other assets and incomes.

Bills and Communications

President Mary Curtis was not aware of any additional bills or communications and that all bills and communication were up to date for the year 2019.

Vickie Edwards, as Secretary read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- A.**

Mary Curtis noted that the Nominating Committee included: Rev. Donna Loflin, Phyllis Stanzione, Frank Colonna and Tracey Hynes as alternate. Phyllis Stanizione presented the slate of candidates in alphabetical order: David Beard, Diane Clark, and Mary Curtis.

President Mary Curtis asked if they were any nominations from the floor. Nominees must have previously consented to be nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed.

Vickie Edwards, as Secretary read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- D.**

The tellers are: Raquel Alcaraz, Wendy Cairns and Karol Self. Mary Curtis stated that to have a counted vote you must vote for two (2) people only, as a ballot with more than two (2) votes will be voided.

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

The return counts are as follows:

Mary Curtis-elected trustee Diane Clark-elected trustee

David Beard-Alternate

Nomination Committee - election

Richard Curtis and Tracey Hynes volunteered to be on the 2020 Nominating Committee. This slate of candidates was voted on and approved.

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

Minister's Report and Ministry Teams

- Minister's Report – Rev. Donna Loflin

Rev. Donna started by thanking the Board of Trustees and the office staff for being so engaged and supportive.

Rev. Donna reported that we gained 17 new members in 2019 and have over 300 receiving our newsletter. Since we started 2 services attendance has doubled in our first service. We held 5 S.E.E classes, 2 Unity basics classes, 3 musical concerts and a DJ dance. We carried out 2 small group home studies. Book study has been popular with great attendance. We have started adult Sunday school studying the Quest. We had a successful pilgrimage to Unity Village with 12 people. Our monthly Wednesday night healing meditation has also been attended by over 20 regularly. The prayer chaplain retreat went exceptionally well. Rev. Donna hosted her first ministerial intern. Please see attached report for more details.

Building and grounds report:

Ken Hill was happy to report the following:

- Building and grounds work days continue to be a huge success thanks to all of the volunteers who have been showing up monthly to help do some of the bigger projects. There has been an average of 14 people showing up to do work on the grounds. The group meets once per month to support the maintenance projects.
- Projects completed in 2019 include:
 - Replaced stained ceiling tiles.
 - Repaired loose roof panels.
 - Repaired loose, missing soffets.
 - Replaced locks on the church doors.
 - Added gutters to the building.
 - Removed lattice enclosure and obsolete water treatment equipment.
- Updates to building and property include:
 - Stripped and repainted the fountain
 - Improved the Gazebo with plantings and entrance
 - Added flower planting along meditation path
 - Partial repair of irrigation system
 - Added memorial bricks
 - Pressure washed the parking lot church wall
 - Sealed cracks on the back wall and painted.
 - Added a concrete patio off of the community room
 - Replaced the Church road sign
 - Set soaker hoses and a timer for new bushes and trees

- Standard work
 - Trim bushes
 - Pick up yard waste
 - Trim tree branches, palm fronds
 - Apply fire ant killer
 - Clean memorial garden
 - Clean the parking lot
 - Maintain church equipment
 - Clean the fountain

Outreach report:

Renee Peters was not present so Rev. Donna Loflin gave the report.:

- We donated generously to the Atwater school with our Giving Tree by supporting approximately 35 families with Christmas gifts.
- In addition, we also collected a full box of Toys for Tots.
- We donated approximately 15 Easter Gift backpacks for the children living at the Port Charlotte Homeless Coalition.
- We continue to collect food monthly for the homeless coalitions in our food pantry donation container in the community room.
- We also donated \$250 each to 4 different community groups in need of funds.
- The outreach team had 3 new volunteers in 2019.
- Outreach goes where the community needs us, we meet them where they are.

Teller's Report

Raquel Alcaraz returned with the Teller's Report. It was reported that the two new Board members are: Mary Curtis and Diane Clark, each for a term of 3 years. David Beard will be the Alternate Trustee for a term of 1 year.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Mary Curtis asked if there was any new business.

There was no new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Rev. Donna closed with a benediction.

Minutes prepared by Tracey Hynes on February 19, 2020