

UNITY CHURCH OF PEACE
Annual Membership Meeting
February 12, 2017

Alicia Uselmann called the Annual Membership meeting to order at 11:40 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 57 active members were present and constituted a forum according to **Bylaws Article V Section 1-C**, read by Stephanie King, Secretary.

Minutes from the January 31, 2016 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2016 meeting were posted at unitychurchofpeace.com website and were available prior to the meeting. President Alicia Uselmann asked for any corrections to minutes from 2016 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 12/31/16.

Renee Peters, Treasurer, presented the financial information regarding the 'flood; in the Community Room and subsequent improvements: Flood and Technical upgrades to both the Community Room and the Sanctuary were 23K, with 6K coming from the Insurance proceeds, 12K as gifts, and the Church operating account funding the remaining 5K.

At the end of the year Income for 2016 was \$ 30,500 and the Church had 45K in the checking and savings accounts. The restricted accounts were: Prayer Room 10K and the Building Fund 135K.

During 2016 the Church tithed on the income to Unity associations, in the amount of \$12,300 and \$2K was given back to the community to four local charities.

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 Alicia Uselmann was not aware of any additional bills or communications and that all bills and communication were up to date for the year 2016.

Election of Board Members

Stephanie King, as Secretary read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- A.**

Alicia Uselmann noted that the Nominating Committee included: Rev. Donna Loflin, Nancy Bauer, Renee Peters and Phyllis Stanzioni, as alternate. Renee Peters presented the slate of candidates: Frank Colonna, Mary Curtis, and Alicia Uselmann.

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

Stephanie King, as Secretary read: **Bylaws Article VI Section 10- D.**

The tellers are: Dick Parnell, Lynn Ann Mullins, and Karol Self. Alicia 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

Bob Zobel and Kim Wilcox volunteered to be on the 2017 Nominating Committee. This slate of candidates was voted on and approved.

Bob Zobel will be the regular member with Kim Wilcox being the alternate member on the Nominating Committee.

Minister's Report and Ministry Teams

- Minister's Report – Rev. Donna Loflin
 - 10% tithe sent to Worldwide Ministries and related units
 - By May of 2016 the sermons were on the website
 - Website is growing and now sends out 185 emails weekly
 - By Nov of 2016 the renovations for the Community Room and Sanctuary were completed, in large part due to Rima Riggs and her leadership in the renovations.
 - Class attendance and number of classes offered are growing
 - 23 new members and 4 reinstated members
 - Bunny is now part of the office team as a paid assistant
 - Weekly bulletins will be discontinued and there will be a monthly calendar/handout to replace it
 - Goals:
 - Revisit Mission Statement & Vision Statement with the addition of Core Values
 - Portable building for classrooms and growth for a Children's Church
- Prayer Chaplain's – Miriam McCarron
 - Miriam presented on how the program works and its needed growth as the Church grows.
- Building and Grounds – John Lenigan
 - LED lighting for the Community Room
 - Expansion of the Mediation Garden and natural (hedge) barrier
 - Gazebo renovations and renewal

- Walkway that would be 5 feet wide to allow access to the garden and property by someone in a wheelchair
- Volunteers – KJ Prosuch
 - Volunteer committees are coming together and David Beard volunteered to head the Ambassador Committee.
- Outreach – Renee Peters
 - Renee noted that this is the fun committee as they have: went to community events, given out Easter Baskets, Thanksgiving dinners to needy families, and 35 gifts at Christmas to needy children.

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

- ✓ Richard Curtis – Richard mentioned that he would like to see more singing. That prayer has been answered as the Church sang today during the Church service and will be doing this more in the future.
- ✓ Robert Zobel – Wanted to know when the Board meetings were held. This information could be posted at the website or in the monthly calendar.
- ✓ David Beard – Brought up the idea of monthly ‘town hall’ type meetings, or possibly on the 5th Sunday after Church.
- ✓ Michelle Hoffie – Michelle asked if the paving of the grass area had been considered as in the summer months it is sometimes wet. This will have to be looked into by the Building and Grounds Committee.

Teller’s Report

Dick Parnell returned with the Teller’s Report. Dick reported that the two new Board members are: Frank Colonna and Mary Curtis with Alicia Uselmann as the alternate member for one year.

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.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

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

Submitted by,

Stephanie (Sam) King

Secretary