

Unity Church of Peace
Annual Membership Meeting via ZOOM
February 28, 2021

Board President Mary Curtis called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
Tracey Hynes was moderator.

Opening Prayer:

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

Roll Call

Active members were logged into ZOOM and had agreed to the Standing Rules provided in advance. A total of 38 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 20, 2020 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2020 meeting were posted at unitychurchofpeace.com website and were available prior to the meeting. President Mary Curtis asked for any corrections to minutes from 2020 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 12/31/2020.

Pam Harrington, Treasurer, presented the financial information. Total Income: \$130,401.05. Total Expense: \$118,080.74 including church tithes. Net Income: \$12,320.31. 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 2020.

Election of Board Members

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

Mary Curtis noted that the Nominating Committee included: Richard Curtis, Rev. Donna Loflin, Tracey Hynes and Phyllis Stanzione alternate. Richard Curtis presented the slate of candidates in alphabetical order: Eric Barrett, David Beard, and Sam Coleman.

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

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

The polling software was used to anonymously count the virtual votes. Mary Curtis stated the vote was for two (2) people only, votes with more than two (2) would be void.

Polling ended after 2 minutes 13 seconds.

The virtual votes were tallied by the polling software and reported to the board president.

The results are as follows:

Eric Barrett elected as a Trustee for a 3-year term.

David Beard elected as Alternate for 1-year term.

Nomination Committee - election

The nominations for next year's Nominating Team were opened.

Phyllis Stanzione was nominated and accepted nomination.

Tracey Hynes was nominated and accepted nomination.

Rema Riggs was nominated and accepted nomination.

A virtual hand-count was used, and the moderator (Tracey Hynes) communicated the count to the president.

Phyllis Stanzione and Tracey Hynes will be the regular members with Rema Riggs being the alternate member on the 2021 -Nominating Committee.

Minister's Report and Ministry Teams

- Distributed the new Life -Touch **Church Directory**.
- Started posting our weekly Sunday services on **YouTube and Facebook**.
- Held a 7-week **Prosperity Plus III** class.
- A **Metaphysics 3**, Spiritual Education and Enrichment class.
- A 10-week **Artists Way** Class during the summer.
- Three Sound Healing **Crystal Bowl meditation** services.
- Sponsored a booth at the **Illuminate Fest** in Punta Gorda;
- Hosted a **Concert** with Eddie Watkins Jr.
- Held a **Vow Renewal** on Valentine's Day with 25 attendees.
- Held a **Soul Collage** Workshop; Grant Powers offered his **Transitions** workshop, and Deb Trueheart taught a **Living Into Wholeness** series.
- Adventures in Faith small group program on Lessons in Truth.
- Held 2 All Call Volunteers Friday nights with pizza gatherings.
- We held 3 special services: Remembrance in November, Xmas Eve, Burning Bowl.
- We started 4 Zoom offerings every week: **The Quest** study group on Monday mornings at 11:30 AM; weekly **Wednesday Book Study** at 10 AM; Wednesday evening **meditation** at 6 PM; Rev Donna's **Coffee Klatch** with prayer & check ins.
- Youth and Family Ministry - **Sunday school Uniteens** service has been provided every week by Rev Ytonna from Southeast Unity Region on Zoom at 10 am.
- We added the new **online giving** through our Breeze software.

Outreach Report:

- We provided 12 Easter Baskets to the Homeless Coalition and 6 large Thanksgiving baskets for families in need.
- We sponsored 25 children from Atwater Elementary School.
- Carmen initiated the Time Capsule project which was buried recently.

Building and Grounds Team:

1. New street sign and lighting
2. New paver walkway from patio to sanctuary
3. New flower beds on north side of church

4. Trimmed and replanted at gazebo and added paver entry.
5. Fountain was drained, cleaned, and repainted,
6. David added flowers to the meditation walk and dug out cypress roots.
7. Sprinkler system had repairs.
8. Trees were trimmed on the parking lot.
9. Parking lot flood light was repaired.

On January 20th we had a water leak that flooded the sanctuary, and Ken has gathered several bids for mold mitigation. The insurance company has been working with us and we are making plans to go ahead and make some renovations since all the carpet will be replaced. We are updating the office with new furniture and equipment, building a sound booth for the AV Team in the sanctuary, and creating another room out of the lending library that can be used for spiritual counseling, prayers, office & a children's breakout. We have a projected timeline that takes us up to around Easter. Hopefully, we will be able to gather again soon.

Rev Donna expressed gratitude to have such a supportive Board, and our part time staff of Tracey as office manager and Cindy as bookkeeper, and our Licensed Teacher Vivian Walthall who has really stepped up to help this year, and so many dedicated volunteers.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Rev. Donna closed with a benediction.

Minutes prepared by Vickie Edwards on March 6, 2021