

May 18, 2014 UUFD Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

There were 39 signed members present, which was sufficient for a quorum. After President Sue Willis shared a brief reading, the agenda for today's meeting was approved. The minutes from the November 17, 2013 semi-annual congregational meeting were also approved.

Reverend Linda Slabon spoke about clearing the rolls. We were down to 79 signed members, but three new members very recently signed.

In the first "Unsung UU" presentation, Will Ireland was honored for his significant contributions, including the new UUFD website as well as many other sound, video and technical issues.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Beau Anderson discussed the report handed out. Only 88% of the pledges are in for the year. He asked for members to pay the remainder of the FY13-14 pledges. Special funds have been borrowed against to use temporarily as operating funds. Sue explained that the only way we have been able to break even this year is that fundraising has been higher than expected. Members will be contacted to finish this year's pledges and to pledge for next year. The proposed budget, which included a pay freeze for staff this year, was approved by the congregation.

Religious Education Director's Report

Gladys Sanchez, the RE director since January, reported on the many activities of the children, including Faith in Action, Wonderbox Sundays, Story Baskets, thirty days of Standing on the Side of Love and much more. The plan is for the board to appoint an adult RE leader who will work with Gladys in a collaborative effort between youth and adults.

President's Report

Sue Willis discussed what we've done well this year, including a thriving RE program attracting young parents with children, the successful new piano campaign, a rousing choir festival, establishment of the non-perishable pantry (in collaboration with the Welcome Café and Community Kitchen), monthly themes for services, and a fundraising gala which raised twice the expected amount.

This year's challenges included budget-cutting of things we don't want to cut and having to delay hiring a volunteer coordinator. The capital campaign will be delayed in order to get the budget lined up. We are still a work in progress. She thanked everyone for all we do.

Election of Officers

Dan Kenney spoke about the nominating committee and their slate. The following officers were approved by the congregation: president-elect, Frank O'Barski; secretary, Beth Schewe; member-at-large, Susan Dorbeck. And to complete a one-year term as the other member-at-large, Lindsay Andrews was approved.

The second "Unsung UU" announced was Estelle Von Zellen, a member since 1965. Since she has been a member, she has served in virtually every office. For over fifty-four years, she has

supported the fellowship financially. She created and maintained the library and leads a meditation group.

Minister's Report

Rev. Linda will post one-half of her report as the "Minister's Musings" in the June/July Pathfinder. She spoke about the Ministry Council's task of hiring a new DRE.

She also discussed coordinating the gala and silent auction this year and thanked all those who helped. She said it's really not a good idea for the minister to coordinate our fundraisers. Please think about your role in building community for the future.

She handed out a report and asked for feedback regarding goals.

Our focus going forward needs to be on stewardship.

Music Director's Report

Toni Tollerud gave a report for the first time. She discussed the choir festival and fundraising for the new piano and thanked choir members for their contributions.

GA Delegates

Sue volunteered to be an online delegate and to pay the \$150 required registration. She mentioned that this year the congregation can't really afford to support a delegate who attends. She asked that interested people let a board member know and the board will discuss the issue during their June meeting.

The final "Unsung UU" award was given to Carey Boehmer, who was not able to be present at the meeting. She is a "Jane of all trades". She helps behind the scenes in so many ways and we appreciate her.

Sue thanked Dan Kenney for all his help, including his great fundraising efforts.

President Sue Willis gave a closing reading and the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Schneider