

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CHATTANOOGA
ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday June 9, 2013**

PRESENT:

**Frank Caperton, President Elect Tom Kunesh, VP Religious Growth
Elaine Watkins VP Outreach Ministry Buck O'Rear, VP Resources Ministry
Alan Larson, Treasurer
Jim Welborn, Secretary**

**Absent: Wendes Jones, President
Nicky Ozbek, VP Congregational Life
Elaine Hill, Past President**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE – Linda Helton

CALL TO ORDER

Frank Caperton called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM, Sunday, June 9, 2013.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Jim Welborn confirmed that, out of 149 members, 57 members were present, meeting the requirement of 20% of voting members required for a quorum.

MINUTES FROM LAST YEAR'S MEETING

Susan Kennedy called for a motion to dispense with the reading of last year's minutes. Bill Kurtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Frank Caperton

As most of you know Wendes Jones resigned as President and according with our bylaws I as President Elect will assume these duties. I would like to thank Wendes for her service with energy and passion as President and President Elect. I am honored to serve as President with Rev. Pam and the board of trustees for the coming year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Presented by Alan Larson
Pledges are somewhat short for this time of year.**

In order to balance the proposed budget for 2013-2014, \$21,000 was used from the Church of God funds and \$12,000 from the cell tower. This needs serious discussions going forward.

Claire Hale wanted more detail about the budget before we vote up or down. David Reed from finance committee gave additional info:

-\$21, 000 was taken from rainy day fund.

-Personnel cost rose from \$133,000 to \$136,000.

-\$2700 was added for Pastoral Care which did not exist last year.

-Operations costs were basically the same.

Martha Berry wanted to know how we handled the maintenance of the leak. David said that this would come out of our building reserve fund. We have secured 2 bids from 3 requests and Finance will address next week.

Daidee Springer made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Budget as presented.

Rich Dwyer seconded the motion and budget was approved.

Budget 2013-2014

See attached detailed budget request.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rich Dwyer presented the nominees for next year's Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee.

The slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees is: Leslie Brock as President-Elect; Jim Welborn as Recording Secretary and Buck O'Rear as VP of Resources. Nicky Ozbek as VP of Congregational Life; Elaine Watkins, VP of Outreach Ministry and Alan Larson, Treasurer are staying in their current positions. VP of Religious Education and Treasurer-elect are two positions that have not yet been filled. Efforts are being made to fill these positions.

Current members of nominating committee for 2012-2013 are: Jerry Smith, Rich Dwyer, Catherine Long, Tacie Overbeck, and Charles Wright. Jerry smith and Rich Dwyer will rotate off and Angelia Stennitt is recommended for one of the open slots. The Nominating Committee for 2013-2014 is: Catherine Long, Tacie Overbeck, Charles Wright, Angelia Stennitt. There is one vacancy. The Nominating Committee made a motion to accept the slate of nominees for next year's Board of Trustees and nominating committee for 2013-2014. Martha Berry seconded the motion and motion carried.

UUCW Weapons Policy Vote

Frank Caperton opened the floor for further comment. The three proposals have been discussed in a congregational meeting. The three proposals were distributed to the members by way of email, newsletter and included in the Sunday bulletin.

Comments:

Steve Hollingsworth raised a question about process. There are three proposals. Plurality will determine the winner on the first vote and a majority on the second vote if needed.

Roger Davis favored policy #1 The Idea of a safe church without guns.

Monique Lewis would like to see policy published, put on website and a sign placed on the door.

Tom Kunesh commented that he had USN weapons training and was a good marksman but never had to fire a gun. Policy#1 is not enforceable. Weapons are needed not wanted. Policy #1 disrespects the veterans that we honor in alcove.

Mary Hunter said that in Knoxville church that they have to open their vests and she does not want to do that here.

Diane Reed does not see designating this as a place of peace denigrates veterans. None of the policies are enforceable. What is the intent? The intent is for this to be a place of peace.

Deana Cruz stated that it is a matter of trust that they have the intent to be peaceful. They want stop at door for sign. Don't have firearms at work because we have security.

Paul Adler Technically for example, all police officers carry weapons and must carry which makes a problem with enforcement of policy #1.

Leslie Brock says that there is power in words, don't like none of them. Why is there such a rush?

Roger Davis said to read each policy as written and consider each policy.

John Beck made a point that we had not heard that devil worshipers same people are big on guns. We are asking for trouble.

Rich Dwyer We trust that in the huge scheme of things and if someone shoots what do we do?

Martha Berry wanted to know if we could abstain from voting. Answer was yes.

Bonnie Sinclair said that she did not come to church to read about a weapons policy. Vote no on #1 and Vote Yes for #3.

Steve Hollingsworth said that substantial laws that does not allow us to change much at all. Post a sign on the door a vote that does nothing like Proposal #1.

Claire Hale wants this to be a place of peace. Stay as we are.

James Joyner was raised on farm where he was taught safety about guns and also in military. There is an invisible line in the sand. Dictate don't trust.

Eileen Mulchay called for a vote.

Frank Caperton asked for ballots to be distributed.

Ballots were distributed to members by Jim Welborn, Greg Cruz, Margaret Hudson and Link Christensen. All three proposals were on the ballot. Members were instructed to circle the proposal of their choice.

The votes were counted and results reported by Jim Welborn, Secretary.

Proposal #1 (No weapons allowed)	Total votes 12
	% 21
Proposal #2 (Weapons allowed)	Total votes 2
	% 4
Proposal #3 (No policy-stay as we are)	Total votes 42
	% 75

Total votes cast 56

Based on the results we will not have a written weapons policy.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Minister's Report – Rev. Pam Rumancik

See attached annual report.

Nicky Ozbek, VP of Congregational Life

Rev. Pam Rumancik presented Nicky's report in her absence and the report is attached

Elaine Watkins, VP of Outreach

See attached report.

Tom Kunesh, VP of Religious Growth

See attached report

Buck O'Rear, VP of Resources

See attached report

Buck wanted to thank a lot of people for their help: Leslie Brock, Susan Kennedy, Frank Caperton, Tom Kunesh, Paul Adler and Sandy Kurtz.

The church and grounds are well maintained. We did not get our dream budget.

The solar panel project may have siphoned some of the funds. There have also been

some life changes that affected giving of significant pledges. Overall the attitude of membership responded well. It was a very positive campaign only two negative cards returned. We are on a slippery slope when money has to be taken from rainy day fund to balance the budget. We will be talking about a new program that will focus on What it means to be a member of UUCC. Sandy Kurtz gave a brief update on the Solar Panel project. Currently there is over \$21000 in the account and this is over what we had budgeted. Currently getting bids for installation.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS Not any to report at this time

At 1:25 pm on June 9, 2013, Monique Lewis moved that we adjourn; John Beck seconded, and the motion carried.

Submitted by

Jim Welborn

Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees