

UUCL Special Congregational Meeting
1/27/2019
Founder's Hall

274 Members on UUCL Membership Role
57 Members in attendance
Quorum Achieved

1. Meeting called to order by George Herr-Riser with the Opening and Covenant
2. Revision of Bylaws is ongoing; they will likely be considered at the May Congregational meeting.
3. Voting on Ministerial Search Committee (MSC)
 - a. Procedures for voting on the MSC were outlined.
 - b. Several objections were raised and clarifications sought.
 - c. The need for a congregational vote was clarified by Reverend Barbara, and the process by which we reached this point was reviewed by George Herr-Riser.
 - d. An objection was raised about online voting which is not allowed according to the bylaws. George accepted responsibility for this error and apologized for his oversight. These votes would not be allowed to count. Alan Jacobs also apologized for his role in initiating the online vote, but commented that it seemed to be very popular
 - e. Len Litowitz made a motion to install all eight candidates by acclamation (seconded by Garry Lefevre). Considerable discussion followed before a vote was called. The motion was defeated 26 to 25.
 - f. Further comments about the MSC selection process followed, resulting in a motion by Evelyn Pendleton (seconded by Sharron Nelson) to have the congregation vote for four candidates with the Board and the Committee on the Ministry to pick the last three. The motion carried with two members opposed.
 - g. A motion to delay the vote was made by Evelyn (seconded by Carole Campbell) with the understanding that those voting online would be informed of the necessity to be present in person for any subsequent vote. A plea for campaigning with all candidates present was made. The motion carried with three members opposed.

- h. Several additional comments about MSC selection were voiced.
4. Congregational Poll on placing the draft Statement of Conscience entitled “Democracy Uncorrupted” on the agenda for the 2019 General Assembly.
 - a. Written ballots were distributed, collected and later tallied.
 - b. A tally of the congregational poll showed 38 in favor of the SoC for “Democracy Uncorrupted” being placed on the GA 2019 agenda, 2 opposed, and 2 abstained by ballot.
 5. Safety Issues
 - a. A presentation about safety issues was made by Lisa Raum on behalf of the Safety and Response Team. Procedures for intruder training were noted by Jamie Raum and George Herr-Riser. Melissa Tribuzzo clarified current RE procedures and training.
 - b. Several congregants had questions and comments. Forms for comments and suggestions were made available at the meeting and will be placed near the office.
 6. Calendar Update
 - a. 2/10 – Pancake breakfast
 - b. 2/24 – Transition forum on staffing
 - c. 3/10 – Reverend Larry Peers preaches and leads workshop on “Writing New Stories” (groundwork for work on UUCL mission)
 - d. 4/28 – Town Hall meeting
 - e. 5/19 – Spring Congregational meeting
 7. Reverend Barbara reminded us of the importance of going forward well, not necessarily quickly and asked us to thank those around us for staying with the hard work of moving forward.
 8. A motion to adjourn was made by Melissa Tribuzzo and seconded by Tom Barninger and enacted by all.

Respectfully submitted by Fred Foster-Clark, Board Secretary