

## Minutes of the 2021 Spring Congregational Meeting: May 16, 2021

Board of Trustees President Carole Campbell convened the meeting at 11:05.

Fred Foster-Clark explained how the voting process via Zoom would work, ran a test vote for congregants to practice, and answered questions about the process.

Four items were considered for adoption, and one vote for BoT members:

1. Should the congregation approve a waiver allowing two 18-year-old youths to vote in this meeting despite their not having signed the membership book prior to the 60-day interval required by Article 5 of the Bylaws? (They signed on 5-15-21.)

Moved by Marianne Smith, seconded by George Herr-Riser.

Motion approved: 70 YES votes, 3 NO votes

2. Should the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year be approved?  
John Snyder, chair of the Financial Advisory Committee, reviewed budget highlights, which both he and Treasurer Jonas Kauffman had explained in depth at the Town Hall meeting on 5-11-21.

Moved by Darcy Pollock, seconded by Lillian Pacheco.

Both Snyder and Kauffman addressed comments and answered questions regarding the budget in the discussion period.

- Jim Kalish urged further work to increase the number of pledging members.
- Paula Jackson's question about eliminating advertising UUCL services in LNP prompted discussion. Several people responded that greater efforts in UUCL's online presence promise to be more effective in interesting younger members than traditional newspaper ads.
- There was discussion of the budget's line item for the music director's salary, just corrected to the current 22 hours in the week prior to the Congregational Meeting. In response to comments from congregants prior to and at the 5-11-21 Town Hall meeting, a line item amount [just short of \$9,000—sorry, but I can't find the exact amount in my docs—your correction welcome] for an accompanist was added to the proposed budget of \$ [because I can't find the accompanist addition, I don't have a final exact amount].

The budget was approved: 75 YES votes, 1 NO vote, 1 Abstention

3. Should the congregation adopt a proposed new Mission Statement? “Come. Nourish the spirit; connect in love, act for justice.”

Moved by Marianne Smith, seconded by Sindy Pollard.

Motion approved: 74 YES votes, with no NO votes or abstentions.

4. Should the congregation adopt the proposed Eighth Principle, formulated by the UUA and considered by a UUCL Task Force? “We covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

Moved by Naomi Levine, seconded by George Herr-Riser.

Motion approved: 70 YES votes, 2 NO votes, 1 Abstention

5. The congregation voted to elect two trustees for three-year terms:  
Chris Steinbrecher and Kim Chappell.

George Herr-Riser, who has completed two terms—six years—as a trustee and is leaving the Board, noted that he felt privileged to work with Board members over those years and was looking forward to the new members continuing the Board’s past hard and collegial work.

Prior to closing, Board President Carole Campbell spoke about questions many have raised regarding reopening the church for in-person services. She noted that UUCL is awaiting recommendations for the Reopening Task Force, in conjunction with local, state, and federal guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m., on a motion by George Herr-Riser, seconded by Claudia Hostetter and Norm Saunders.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Chappell