

Unitarian Society of New Haven
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Society
June 10, 2012

Accepted December 2, 2012

Attendance: 82 Members. Confirmed by Larry Rizzolo

Thea Bourke-Martin called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m. and Gregg Burton recorded the minutes. A quorum of Members was present, and the meeting proceeded with T. Bourke-Martin presiding.

Minutes

MOTION by Richard Platt, to adopt the minutes of the November 13, 2011 congregational meeting; **SECONDED** by Sarah Berke; **MOTION PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

Election of Officers and Trustees

Meg Gurley, Chair of the Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers and trustees:

- Alan Price - President
- Alison Cunningham - Vice President
- Margaret Rae - Trustee
- Georgia Jennings - Trustee
- Russell Heinrich - Trustee

MOTION by Brian Eitzer, to elect the officer and trustee candidates by the Nominating Committee; **SECONDED** by John Watson; **MOTION PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

Budget Proposal

Jeremy Hill of the Finance Committee presented the proposed budget.

A question was raised about where the contribution from endowment was expended in the budget. J. Hill noted that the proposed budget that included the endowment contribution allowed for 60% UUA and Clara Barton District fair share dues; a 2% cost of living adjustment for staff salaries.

It was noted that the budget benefitted from savings in personnel, office and facilities expenses. It was also noted that the Finance Committee used conservative figures for anticipated pledge and other income amounts.

A question was raised about why the collection plate budget income was increased from the prior year. J. Hill noted that the plate collections over the last year were greater than the budgeted estimate so the anticipated income for 2012-2013 was increased in line with the actual collections from 2011-2012

A question was raised about how the number of pledge units for the calculation of UUA/CBD fair share dues is calculated. J. Hill noted that the number of pledge units is determined each year before the UUA cutoff date in February based on the active membership at that time.

It was noted that the restoration of UUA/CBD dues was an important goal for the congregation.

MOTION by John Watson, to adopt the budget as proposed by the Finance Committee; **SECONDED** by Rob Camm; **MOTION PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

Other Business

Bobbi Pace expressed the gratitude of the congregation for the service of Thea Bourke-Martin as Vice President and President over the last two years.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the congregation, **MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Alison Cunningham; **SECONDED** by Lois Smith; **MOTION PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.