

Regular Attendees		Present
Fifi Ball	Director of Operations	Y
Jeff Brainerd	Standing Committee member	Y
Rev. Howard Dana	Senior Minister	Y
Dave Elwood	Standing Committee member	Y
Kristin Haddad	Chair	Y
Peter Nobile	Clerk	Y
Patty Popov	Standing Committee member	Y
Toby Smith Ropeik	Standing Committee member	Y
Mark Russell Prior	Standing Committee member	Y
Lora Venesy	Standing Committee member	Y
Tom Wilson	Treasurer	Y
Kate Svreck	Standing Committee member	Y
John Lowe	Standing Committee member	Y
Jan Hutslar	Ministerial Intern	N
Guests	(none)	

Howard lit our chalice and opened with words from a former UUA GA moderator, “*Meant to Serve,*” read in honor of UUA moderator Jim Key, recently deceased, who will be sorely missed.

General Discussion regarding 2017 Annual Meeting

Kristin noted the warrant as posted notes a “2015” (not 2018) budget; Kristin distributed a revised version for committee signatures.

Patty volunteered to be an arbiter during sign-in. Kate volunteered to make the Nominating Committee motion.

Kristin reviewed the proposed agenda for Annual Meeting.

Budget Discussion

Fifi led us in a review of the proposed 2018 budget and made three additional notes: the remaining anticipated pledge number has dropped to \$13,000 from \$30,000; the UUA Annual Program Funding (aka Fair Share) amount has been increased to 65% of our dues; and some money is now budgeted toward long term building maintenance.

The committee reviewed the budget and discussion included the following items:

- How the rent amount paid by Milldam Nursery is calculated
- The intent of the use of \$15K in available cash from previous year pledge funds
- Alternative uses for surplus cash, including contributions to a maintenance fund, staff pay bonuses or full UUA Fair Share funding
- Whether to discuss uses of future surplus at all during Annual Meeting

The committee will discuss the use of any 2016-17 surplus, if any, at our August meeting when final numbers are available.

John moved and Toby seconded that we discuss the removal of a note about surplus use (note 9) in the final budget. The committee voted unanimously to NOT to include note 9 in the budget.

Tom moved that we adopt the proposed FY18 budget in the amount of \$1,248,565 as outlined in Fifi's 5/5/17 summary, and that we recommend this budget to the congregation at next week's annual meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Black Lives Matter banner discussion

Kristin reviewed a proposed motion regarding continued authorization to hang the Black Lives Matter banners. The committee discussed the best way to proceed, with final wording of the motion to be refined this week. Jeff volunteered to give a brief presentation at Annual Meeting about the Black Lives Matter banners on behalf of the SC.

New Business

Mark reported hearing a variety of comments about his appointment to the Nominating Committee, some positive.

A motion was made to end the meeting, and the meeting ended at 733PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Nobile, Clerk