

ANNUAL MEETING

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF NASHUA

June 12, 2008

A quorum of 57 members having been met, President of the congregation Laurie Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:15. Reverend Steve Edington lit the chalice and did a reading as Opening Words.

Laurie Goodman read the Purposes and Articles of Agreement, noting the change of name from New Hampshire/Vermont District to Northern New England District.

Consent Agenda

Bob Sampson moved the adoption of the Consent Agenda and Billy Parker seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda consists of the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting, held on June 12, 2008, as submitted by the Clerk, as well as the reports of the following committees and programs, which were placed on file (posted at www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml): Financial Records Review, Investment Review, Membership, Music, Denominational Connections, Nashua Cemetery Association, Property, Public Relations, Religious Education, Social Justice, White Wing, Personnel, and Worship Associates/Worship and Service. Bob Sampson moved, seconded by Billy Parker, that the Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion passed.

Minister's Report

Steve Edington presented his report, which is filed with these minutes.

President's Report

President Laurie Goodman presented her report, which is filed with these minutes.

Clerk's Annual Report of Church Membership

Clerk Hilary Keating presented her annual report of 2007-2008, which is filed with these minutes. She noted that the report lists members who have joined this church year, those who have asked to be removed, those who have died, and those who have been removed pursuant to Article 3.4 of the Bylaws. Bob Sampson moved, seconded by Steve Hedges, that the Clerk's minutes be accepted. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: FY 2007-2008

Treasurer Mike Wilt presented his report, which is filed with these minutes. There were questions regarding money spent on maintenance, Fair Share, and income from

pledges. Mike noted that most of the money for maintenance within the first few months of the church fiscal year was spent on a major asbestos problem in the church. Bob Sampson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Steve Ladew. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Records Review

Steve Hedges presented his report, written with Steve Ladew. This year the FRRC examined not only the church records but those of White Wing School and the Nashua Cemetery Association as well. Committee members found this process valuable and strongly recommended that the practice continue each year. The committee report, which is part of the Consent Agenda and is filed with these minutes, made several recommendations.

Investment Review Committee

Bob Sampson presented his report, which is part of the Consent Agenda and filed with these minutes. He noted that there was a fee increase of about \$4000 per year by the Bank of America and, while the committee considered other investment arrangements, it decided to stay with Bank of America. Bob also reminded us that, while the endowment can be counted on to provide substantial support for our budget, we must remember that our primary source of funding has to be the annual contributions of church members.

Proposed Budget for FY 2008-2009

Mike Wilt explained the proposed budget, noting that the pledge drive was weak but the endowment was stronger than expected. He expressed an ongoing concern that staff compensation is still higher than the income from pledges and reiterated that the church should not use its endowment for operating expenses. There was a question regarding the proposal to combine the Norma Rowley Scholarship Fund with the Cal Libby Fund, which spurred much discussion. John Sanders moved, seconded by Steve Hedges, that the Cal Libby scholarship be funded from the Norma Rowley fund so that the two would be combined and renamed. In discussion, there were concerns that doing this may change the intent of the funds, as the original funds were funded by different sources. After more discussion, John and Steve withdrew their motion. Cecile Bonvouloir then expressed concern that, with the new rules for choosing projects/agencies for outreach monies, the Donna Purkhiser Fund associated with White Wing School will be in jeopardy. Concerns were addressed by Ellen Barr who heads the committee to determine the recipients of outreach monies. Jim McCormick moved, seconded by Harry Purkhiser, that the 08-09 budget be approved. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee Report

Tina Marshman presented the slate of nominees for Executive Board, Nominating Committee, Financial Records Review Committee, and Nashua Cemetery Association. Roy Goodman moved, seconded by Kate Messner, that the slate be approved. The report, with the slate of nominees, is filed in these minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

Sarah Widhu moved, seconded by Harry Purkhiser, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Keating, Clerk