

ANNUAL MEETING  
UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of NASHUA  
June 12, 2014

A quorum of members having been met, President of the congregation Ellen Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, announced the Certification of a Quorum, and read the Purposes from the Articles of Agreement. Vice President Harry Purkhiser lit the chalice and gave opening words.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian and Adoption of Consent Agenda**

President Ellen Fisher appointed a parliamentarian, Robert “Bob” Sampson. A motion made by Russ Leonard and seconded by Bob Sampson passed unanimously to adopt the Consent Agenda. The consent agenda consists of 1) the Congregation approves of the minutes, as submitted by the Clerk, of the 2013 Annual Meeting, held on June 6, 2013, and 2) the Congregation accepts and places on file the reports of the following officers, committees, and programs (posted at [www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml](http://www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml)): Minister’s Report, President’s Report, Clerk’s Report, Ministerial Search Committee, Cemetery Association, Denominational Connections, Music, Pastoral Care, Personnel, Property, Public Relations, Religious Education, Social Activities, Social Justice, and Worship Associates. Ellen presented the President’s Report. She mentioned that the Board has published on the church website a draft of new governance policies, designed to fit with policy governance. She expanded on a theme from last year: the church is much smaller in terms of membership than was previously thought, a result that was masked by factors such as a provision in the bylaws, recent years’ robust attendance, and an increased response to Stewardship campaigns. Our current membership number has affected our Ministerial Search.

**Presentation of Progress Reports**

Gary Lerude presented the Ministerial Search Committee Report. Harry Purkhiser presented the Personnel Committee Report. Kathy Fletcher presented the draft Covenant of Right Relations. The reports are posted at [www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml](http://www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml). A motion made by Frona Avery and seconded by Roy Goodman passed 45-3 to accept the draft Covenant of Right Relations.

**Presentation of Financial Reports**

David Hudson presented the Stewardship Committee Report on behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Committee, him and Kate Messner. The Stewardship Committee goal for this year has not been met, in that it is about \$4000 less. Robert Sampson gave the Investment Review Committee Report, Summary. The endowment is up 7.09 percent this year and totals \$3,998,332, which is nearly back to what it was four years ago. A corrected copy of the report, when produced, will take its place among the other Annual Meeting 2014 documents on the website listed at the end of this paragraph. The choir sang “All for the Best”. Mike Wilt gave the Treasurer’s Report containing the news that, instead of the \$29,000 deficit projected at the time of the adoption of this year’s budget, the operating funds ended up with a surplus of about \$21,000 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Rev. Olivia Holmes and Mike Wilt presented the budget for the 2014-2015

fiscal year. A motion made by Russ Leonard and seconded by David Hudson passed unanimously that the budget be approved. The Stewardship Report, Treasurer's Report and the budget are to be found at [www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml](http://www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml).

### **Minister's Report**

Rev. Olivia presented the Minister's Report which can be found at [www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml](http://www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml). In discussing the church's new staff job descriptions, she remarked, "...you have smoothly navigated the hard challenges of alignment; understanding together the support you need to give your staff, and the support you need them to give you. This accomplishment alone is astonishing in its thoughtfulness, inclusiveness, and completeness." The choir sang "Nada Brahma".

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Chip McGee presented the Nominating Committee Report. He, along with the congregation, thanked the retiring leaders, which included Ellen Fisher who has just completed four years of service as President. Chip, with the help of Pat Ladew and on behalf of the congregation, presented Ellen with a bouquet of flowers. Ellen in turn thanked Chip McGee, who is retiring from the Nominating Committee this year after completing six years of service. Chip McGee presented the committee's slate for Officers, Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, and Nashua Cemetery Association. The slate is filed at [www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml](http://www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml). There were no nominations from the floor. A motion made by Bob Sampson and seconded by Dan Murphy passed unanimously that the slate be accepted.

### **Final Words**

Rev. Olivia gave final words. The attendees joined hands, forming a ring around the sanctuary, and sang, "From You I Receive". Adjournment was by acclamation. Ellen Fisher extinguished the chalice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Licking,

Clerk of the Congregation