

## Unity of Bon Air Congregational Meeting – May 15, 2016

- I. Call to Order by Teena Hucul, board president , at 12:43 PM
- II. Opening prayer: Reverend Joyce
- III. Teena Hucul reads the names of the current Nominating Committee members: Rev Joyce, Frank Einsmann (Chairman), Brent Jackson and Howard Green.
- IV. Teena Hucul: Asks for nominations from the floor for Nominating Committee chairperson for next year.
  - a. The following names were given.
    - \* Harry Simmons (chairman)
    - \* Gary Schepker (alternate)
  - b. Vote was taken and Harry Simmons was confirmed (unanimously) as chairman and Gary Schepker was confirmed as the alternate.
- V. Teena Hucul: I trust those interested have read the minutes from last year which are posted on the church website since last year's meeting.
  - a. Annual Meeting minutes from May 17, 2015 were approved.
- VI. Teena Hucul: Thanks Susan Moyer and Charity Harris for taking this year's Annual Meeting minutes.
- VII. Teena Hucul calls for the following LIA (Love in Action) reports:
  - a. Youth and Family Ministries given by Chris Frawley, assistant director. Highlights of report include:
    1. Attendance is increasing.
    2. Always in need of teachers and volunteers
    3. Doing activities within the community
    4. Youth have opportunities to participate in YOU and Uniteen rallies and retreats.
    5. Youth are taking more leadership roles in the church and youth groups.
  - b. Garden Report given by Joanne Einsmann, Kerri Walker, Nancy Green, Jim Lakin and Madeline Lakin. Highlights include:
    1. Bid farewell to Ayer Chamberlin; took a moment of silence to acknowledge her and the beautiful gardens.
    2. Need for additional workers in the garden
    3. Some have adopted a spot in the garden.
    4. New help will be trained
    5. Volunteers work in the children's garden.
    6. Volunteers water pots along the promenade.
    7. Garden is prepared for weddings and special events.

8. Volunteers needed to help with preparing for weddings.
  9. Sacred Service Saturdays are held twice a year.
  10. Gardens are sacred and a wonderful place for meditation while working.
  11. Applause and acknowledgment for Joanne Einsmann due to her taking over leadership of the gardens.
- c. Prayer Chaplains' report given by Susan Green. Highlights include:
    1. There are now 28 prayer chaplain's, an increase from 22.
    2. 570 emails and cards sent.
    3. 450 Prayers in person.
    4. 2,859 phone calls
    5. Made 3,879 heart connections.
    6. Susan Green was thanked for all her service.
  - d. Prayer team given by Sandy Farmer
    1. Highlights include:
    2. 75 members of team
    3. Names kept on prayer list for 30 days then sent to Silent Unity for 30 days.
    4. Responsible for preparing Communion service, Prayer Chaplains serve.
  - e. Love in Action given by Frank Einsmann for Mary Curly. Highlights include:
    1. Meet periodically
    2. Maintain up-to-date contact list of 26 team captains
    3. Love in Action Fair to recruit for teams
    4. Reception to honor all volunteers.
  - f. Special Projects Coordinator report given by Susan Proffitt. Highlights include:
    1. Maintains website.
    2. Sends out weekly email of church activities
    3. Coordinates events
    4. Working on directory
    5. Updating welcome packets
    6. Leader of Women of Unity. Resurrecting Arts in the Garden for June 2017.
  - g. Treasurer's Report given by Cort Kirkley. Highlights include:
    1. Total income for 2015: \$632,000
    2. Operating expenses: approximately \$560,000
    3. Use of cash that does not show up as an operating expense
      - a) Mortgage – increased payments to reduce the balance
    4. Capitol improvements: Below \$800,000 for mortgage, garden entrance upgrade, new piano for sanctuary, improved phone system, upgraded WiFi and Youth room furniture.
    5. Ayer Chamberlin's estate blessed the church with \$70,000. Board voted to use \$10,000 to start a Fund.
    6. Cash reserves: \$31,932
    7. Thru April 2016: Income: \$173,084; Operating expenses: \$168,810; Net Operating result: \$4,274. Monthly Financial Reports are posted on the bulletin board.
  - h. Adult Education Coordinator Report given by Rev. Joyce for Valorie Kay. Highlights include:

1. Taught 14 different classes.
  2. 4 people showing initiative to become Licensed Unity Teachers. 9 people taking courses for credit.
- i. Minister's Report given by Rev. Joyce. Highlights include:
1. Attendance continues to increase. Comparing first quarter of 2016 (291) to first quarter of 2015 (268), average increase of 23 people per quarter.
  2. New members: 30
  3. Hired LUT Valorie Kay as Adult Education Coordinator in August 2015.
  4. Hired Susan Proffitt as Coordinator of Special Projects in August 2015.
  5. Supported Debbie Johnston's Virginia Adoption Campaign.
  6. Dr Eban Alexander event: 800 plus in attendance.
  7. Unity Worldwide Ministries Branding Project: Unity of Bon Air
  8. Strategic Planning Meeting in April 2016
  9. Growth in Activities: Quarterly Classical Concerts inspired by Mary Tyndall and supported by Gail Courville; Denise Dolan started community meditation; Senior Center of Greater Richmond meeting at church.
  10. Additional comments from Rev Joyce regarding her physical condition: Will take vacation time in June, will not go to conference. Will have knee replaced in July. She is not ready to quit and feels she has a lot more to give. Will see how she is after the surgery.
  11. When it is time for an interim minister Unity World Wide Ministry will send a minister to serve for 12 to 18 months.
  12. Question from the floor asking how people will be involved concerning pastoral change.
  13. Rev. Joyce responded that this plan will be put in place through the congregation.
- j. President's report given by Teena Hucul. Highlights include:
1. Thanked everyone who participated in today's meeting.
  2. Marcie Murphy from the Bookstore gives thanks.
  3. Janie Van Ostern reports 15 special events; including 12 weddings, 2 memorials and 1 anniversary celebration. Application form on website.
  4. First Strategic Planning Meeting led by Judy Carboni for the board.
  5. First Quarterly Meeting held.
  6. Both meetings prepared lists for improvements. Board compared lists – communication was on both lists.
  7. New is Board president letter to congregation posted on website quarterly.
  8. Focus on 4 projects: Buffering to assist sound system; Privacy closure for kitchen; anti-stress rugs for kitchen and Dan Powell is the liaison for New Generation Unity.
  9. Board is listening to congregation.
  10. July 17th is next quarterly meeting.
  11. Board members stand in recognition.

- k. Recognition of Gary Schepker for 7 years of service to the board. Given gift certificate for new leather briefcase or anything he chooses to take into the future.
  - 1. Gary Schepker thanked the Board, Trustees, Howard Green, Harry Simmons and entire congregation for their support.

VIII. Election results given by Teena Hucul

- a. New board members are: Gail Courville and Jim Lakin to serve 3 years.
- b. Audrey Campbell; Dan Powell and Judy Carboni to serve as alternates for 1 year.

I. Closing prayer by Rev. Joyce at 1:30 PM