



Spiritual Center of Woodstock

MINUTES – ANNUAL MEETING

MEETING INFORMATION

Date:	05/07/2017	Location:	Unity Spiritual Center of Woodstock
Start Time:	11:14 AM	End Time:	12:32 PM
Meeting Type:	Annual Membership	Note Taker:	Stan Perrin
Facilitator:	Mary Loughman		

Board Attendees: Mary Loughman, Rina Schroeder, Marypatrice Raupp, Pat Novy, Ken St. Onge, Stan Perrin; and Advisory Board members: Nancy Nott and Jacob Cichy
Congregation Attendees: List attached

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairperson, Mary Loughman, at 11:14 AM.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Marypatrice Raupp

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM (25% OF ACTIVE MEMBERS)

31 church members attended the annual meeting. Quorum was established (based on active membership of 63)

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Board Chairperson, Mary Loughman, introduced herself and the other Board members. Special recognition was given to Ken St. Onge, who is leaving Board service following six years (two three-year terms as prescribed in the Bylaws). Special recognition was given to Marypatrice Raupp, who is leaving the Board after four years in order that she may apply for the open Spiritual Leader position. Special recognition was given to Nancy Nott, who is leaving the Advisory Board, and who made a number of positive contributions to Board business during her time of service.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (REPORT IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES)

- Mary Loughman presented the Chairperson's report.
- There were no questions from the members after the report.

MINISTER TRANSITION REPORT (REPORT IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES)

- Rina Schroeder presented the Chairperson's report.
- There were no questions from the members after the report.



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TREASURER'S REPORT (REPORT IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES)

- Ken St. Onge presented the Treasurer's report.
- There were member questions, the first being from Ron Newman, who asked about the structure of the mortgage on the church building. Ken replied that we are paying on-time on a fixed mortgage and that the rate cannot be refinanced at this time until our financial position is more solid. We lost many members and their contributions following the termination of Rev. Teri.
- George Mulligano was the second to ask a question, about the unknown costs of new computer software. This was deferred for later.
- Deb Hannemann was the third member with questions:
 - She asked for the definition of a "Part Time" Spiritual Leader. Rina responded that while the role is still being defined, one important point is that a Part Time Spiritual Leader would be present for nearly all Sundays, but not responsible for all of the Sunday talks.
 - Deb then asked about the guest speakers and why, in her opinion, they are "so expensive." This was based on the aggregate budgeted amount. Rina responded that there needs to be an adequate payment for each speaker, multiplied by the number of Sundays with guest speakers, and also an allowance for travel expenses, as some of our speakers come from Chicago.
- Additional points raised:
 - We occasionally run prosperity classes (e.g., Prosperity Plus) and one requirement is that members tithe to the church during the length of the class. But there is a drop-off following the end of the class. Rina stated that a prosperity class will be offered in the fall.
 - As we work to grow the membership, that may not immediately translate to generous giving by the new members.
- Ken was thanked for his years of service as Board Treasurer.

YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR'S REPORT (REPORT IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES)

- Michele Sprouse-Gerbig presented the Youth Ministry Director's report.
- There were no questions from the members after the report.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no Old Business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations for the Board elections
 - Mary Loughman read the requirements for Board of Trustees membership from the USCW Bylaws, Section 4.04(a)
 - The Chairperson, Mary Loughman, of the Nominating Committee presented the two nominations for the two positions:
 - Rina Schroeder
 - Jacob Cichy
 - Call for additional nominations from the floor
 - None presented
- Election of Candidates
 - Deb Hannemann moved to elect, by acclamation, the two candidates presented by the Nominating Committee.
 - Ron Newman seconded the motion
 - The motion passed



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- Barbra Lehman-Cichy moved to have the minutes of the annual meeting certified and published to the members within 60 days. (This mitigates the need for a membership vote to approve the 2017 minutes at the 2018 annual membership meeting.) Marypatrice Raupp seconded the motion and it passed.

The meeting was adjourned at by Mary Loughman at 12:32 PM.

Approved and Attested:

Attest: _____ **Date** _____