

**UNITARIAN UNIVESALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**MAY 14, 2017
CHAPEL OF OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS**

The meeting began at 11:15 after an abbreviated service.

Members Present: Tom Beukema, Judy Clock, Patricia Hartlep, Marla Houghteling, Greta Jacobsen, Mary James, Mark and Nancy Kinney, John and Diane Lake. Norman Mottl, Kim Nowack, Betty and Joe Palm, Roger Srigley, Allen and Allison White

Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum (10): see above

Agenda: adopted as written

Minutes of Annual Meeting June 12, 2016: approved as written

Treasurer's Report: presented by Allison White for the 2016-17 year up to and including May 2, 2017. An Annual Meeting Balance Sheet report was also presented for the fiscal years ending May 31, 2015, May 31, 2016 and April 30, 2017. Reports attached.

A request was made from the floor for the Treasurer to determine the interest rate for each of the bank accounts and decide how the funds should be distributed based on those rates.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports – Overview of 2016-17

Committee reports were presented as follows:

Program: Pat Hartlep
Facilities: Diane Lake
Membership: Marla Houghteling
Music: John Lake
Green: Kim Nowack
Outreach: Kim Nowack
Internet Communications: Joe and Betty Palm

Nancy Kinney presented a brief report stating the Faithify fundraising effort to benefit the NE India produce garden for the school complex, to which many members contributed, was successful.

Committee Sign-Up Sheets:

A sheet for each of the eight committees, including a statement of its responsibilities, was distributed for sign-up. These sheets will continue to be available to those members who were not present today.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaw Amendment Proposal – Article V, section E, to wit:

*Congregation members can express opinions or positions on societal issues in the name of
UUCOP provided that*

1) the congregation achieves consensus on the issue, or

2) *at least 75% of people in attendance at a congregational meeting or Sunday service (with two weeks notice) approve a motion in favor of expressing the opinion or position, **or***
3) if timing precludes a two week notice, by unanimous board endorsement.
(changes in bold)

It was moved by Tom Beukema and seconded by Pat Hartlep that the proposed amendment be adopted as presented.

Subsequently, a motion was made, seconded and approved to amend the proposed amendment to add: and the position shall be distributed to the congregation as soon as possible.

The motion to approve the proposed amendment as amended was seconded and approved

2017-18 Budget Proposal – Adoption of Budget

A motion to adopt the 2017-18 budget as proposed was made, seconded and approved.

During discussion three separate motions to amend the proposed budget were duly presented, seconded and discussed. All three failed.

Nominations and Election of Officers and Directors – proposed slate:

Kim Nowack	President, one-year term
Marla Houghteling	Vice-President, one-year term
Pat Hartlep	Program Committee Chair, two-year term
Roger Srigley	Treasurer, two-year term
Joe Palm	Director, one-year term

No additional nominations were made from the floor.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to adopt the proposed slate by affirmation.

Wildwood Property: Norm Mottl gave a presentation giving the history of the property. Major facts: Property was purchased for \$42,000; ultimately more than \$50,000 total was spent which included road improvements to the 5-acre property. The S.E.V. was \$26,000 in 2005. The S.E.V. steadily went down after 2008, ultimately to \$10,100 in 2017. Yearly taxes are currently \$450.

Adjourned: 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lake, Secretary