



Sierra  
Foothills  
Unitarian  
Universalists

## **Annual Meeting June 13, 2021**

### Minutes of Meeting

#### **1. Establish Quorum**

The required quorum for conduct of business is 1/3 of voting members, per Section V.E.1 of the Bylaws. Members are eligible to vote 30 days after becoming members; for this meeting, that date is May 14, 2021. Membership was determined by the Membership Committee at 104 as of this date, therefore the required quorum is 35 voting members.

A quorum count was conducted by Suzanne Borth, representing the Board of Trustees, utilizing the membership list which had been developed by the Membership Committee. 47 voting members were present at the meeting, therefore a quorum was established.

#### **2. Adopt Agenda**

*Laurie Soper moved, Meg Dorsey seconded, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.*

#### **3. Vote to Approve Budget**

The proposed Budget for FY 2021-22 had been distributed with the Notice for this meeting. The proposed Budget was reviewed with the congregation at a Budget Forum on May 23, 2021.

*Jeanine Meunier moved, Ken Evans seconded, to approve the proposed Budget for FY 2021-22 as presented. Passed unanimously.*

#### **4. Vote to Elect Leadership Slate**

The proposed Leadership Slate for FY 2021-22 had been distributed with the Notice for this meeting.

*Karen Morse moved, Mary Lou Bailey seconded, to elect the proposed Leadership Slate as presented. Passed unanimously.*

#### **5. Minister's Report**

SFUU Minister, the Rev. AJ van Tine, presented a report, with the following highlights:

- We successfully made a quick pivot to online operations in March 2020, demonstrating both faith and compassion.

- The ability to gather in person again is now on the horizon. Thanks go out to the A/V Task Force, headed by Amy Evans. There are more logistics with this transition than with the March 2020 transition to virtual operations; we are encouraged to be generous with our gratitude, and to “answer the call” when asked to help.
- We held a very special online Ordination Ceremony for Rev. AJ. Therefore, this congregation will always hold a special place in his heart.
- Pastoral and mutual care was demonstrated in the organization of a new Caring Committee, and in the virtual memorial service for longtime member Carol Arvay.
- We got through a stressful national election season and its aftermath. Thanks go out to the SFUU the Vote team, headed by Barb Munn and Carol Koons; the team sent many letters to prospective voters throughout the country.
- We should be proud that average pledges increased by 5% in the recent stewardship drive.
- We are blessed to have such talented and dedicated staff:
  - Administrator Vicky Jungers has had much new technology to learn, then to teach to others, to bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century of church management. She also has been doing great work as the primary host of our Zoom services on Sundays.
  - Music Director Pattiey Leftridge has had to do more work to prepare the music and videos for Sunday services. In addition, she and Barb Munn have done great work putting together the virtual choir.
  - Director of Religious Education Adrean Dills has transitioned her work into providing pre-service kids’ time, plus a Story for All Ages, nearly every Sunday. We also have a successful youth group meeting regularly.
- Rev. AJ has worked to revive the “clergy voice” group within Placer People of Faith Together. He has connected our new minister, Rev. Alex, with PPOFT so this relationship can continue.
- Rev. AJ expressed his thanks to the Board of Trustees. In addition to those mentioned in the election earlier, Geoff Smith and Rick Marshall are going off the Board as they complete their terms with the end of the current church year.
- Rev. AJ also expressed his thanks to the Committee on Ministry: Jeff Chamberlain, Carol Koons, Ken Evans, Hank Florence, Joan Harris and Nancy Polli.
- Rev. AJ told us that it has been his honor and privilege to serve this congregation for the past two years.

## **6. President’s Report**

Board of Trustees President Maureen Bauman presented a report, with the following highlights:

- Rev. Alex will be here in late July, ready to begin work at the beginning of August. The specific timing is yet to be finalized, but Maureen will keep everyone apprised if any assistance with the move process is needed.
- Maureen briefly summarized the results of the recent COVID survey.
  - 83 responses were received
  - There is a great deal of concern about keeping connected within the SFUU family
  - Respondents were evenly divided in their views of the policies which were developed regarding the use of church facilities during the pandemic
  - People expressed varying levels of comfort about plans to return to in-person activities

- 97% of adult members of the congregation have been vaccinated or are planning to be
- The Pandemic Recovery Task Force completed its work to develop the policies noted above
- The new Board of Trustees will be working in July on how to move forward, guided by a list of considerations provided by UUA
- Rev. Alex has been apprised of the status of this
- We anticipate being able to resume our two services (in person) schedule in late August or early September
- The full results of the survey will be posted and/or sent out to members.

## **7. Presentation of "Pillar of the Congregation" Award**

The "Pillar of the Congregation" Award was presented by past recipient Barb Munn. This year's deserving recipient is Suzanne Borth. Highlights of Suzanne's many contributions:

- Led the "Way Forward" survey which guided our programming during the pandemic
- Was a catalyst for forming the many Covenant Groups during that time
- Has served as a backup Zoom technician for Sunday services
- Has participated in the virtual choir
- Is serving now on the Audio/Visual Task Force for developing the approach for "multi-platform" operations when we resume in-person worship
- Serves on the Board of Trustees
- Participates in worship service leadership
- Served on the Search Committee
- Led the "Coming of Age" program
- Serves as coordinator for our congregation's participation in General Assembly and various District functions, and has served as a delegate

Much acclamation was expressed by all those present.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by President Bauman.

MINUTES PREPARED BY RICK MARSHALL, SECRETARY