

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship Annual Meeting May 25, 2014

Meeting called to order at 11:53 AM by Erika Shepard, President, Board of Trustees

Quorum confirmed: Yes (112 Members present)

Motion to accept minutes from the 2013 Annual meeting:

Moved by Zackrie Vinczen, Seconded by Marian Beddill

Vote: 0 abstentions, 0 no, the motion passed.

Motion to approve Board slate:

- **Nominees are: Ro Donelson, Rick Krouskop, Anastacia Metcalf, Roni Lenore**

Moved by Elliot Smith, Seconded by Judy Pine

Discussion:

Michael Lilliquist: Why is Board is moving from 7 to 9 members and why the Treasurer has been nominated as a Board member?

Liz Weber: Not a change as much as a restoration to 9 members, and previous treasurer Jim Lott was a voting Board member until the end of his term, at which time he stayed on as Treasurer.

Vote: 3 abstentions, 1 no, the motion passed.

Motion to approve nominating committee slate:

- **Nominees are: Michael Berres, Beth Byers, Lauralee Carbone, Marlin Prowell**

Moved by Linda Fels, Seconded by Cat McIntyre

Discussion:

Marian Beddill: When does the nominating committee first meet?

Erika Shepard: The term starts July 1.

Vote: 1 abstention, 0 opposed, the motion passed.

Motion to approve revision to the bylaws:

Moved by Frank McDonald, Seconded by Lauralee Carbone

Discussion:

Speaking in favor: Alice Litton, Liz Weber, Elizabeth Skinner, Roni Lenore, Lizz Roberts, Marian Beddill

Speaking in opposition: Barbara Balfour, Coral Dudek, Heidi Alford, Mike Betz, Linda Fels

Procedural, point of information, general: Ginny Baker, Zackrie Vinczen, Michael Lilliquist, Rebecca Cowen

Vote (ballot, 2/3 required): Yes: 75, No: 28, Abstain: 9, the motion passed (67%).

2014-15 Budget:

- **Explanation by Roni Lenore**

Questions and comments from: Elliot Smith, Beth Beyers, Michael Lilliquist, Drew Betz, Elliot Smith, Frank McDonald, Coral Dudek, Michael Knapp

Motion to approve budget:

Moved by Carl Nyblade, Seconded by Ron Quinn

Discussion:

Speaking in favor: Cathy Campbell, Hope Rollis, Andrew Hobelyn, Ron Quinn

General statements: Melanie Rieck, Andy Marshall, Rebecca Cowen, Justus Hall (not a member), Heidi Alford

Vote (ballot, majority required): Yes: 91, No: 15, Abstain: 6, the motion passed (81%).

Motion to approve NACC resolution:

Moved by Elliot Smith, Seconded by Heidi Alford

Discussion:

Speaking in favor: Linda Fels, Beth Brownfield, Carol McMillan, Drew Betz, Elliot Smith, Dan Pike (not a member), Darien Rankin

Speaking in opposition: Beth Nyblade, Tom Dudek, Lauralee Carbone, Michael Lilliquist, Barbara Gobus, Andrew Hovendon

General: Anne Albosta

Vote (ballot, 2/3 required): Yes: 66, No: 40, Abstain: 6, the motion did not pass (59%).

There being no further business brought before the Membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Seaman