

**First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee
Minutes of the Annual Meeting**

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Board of Trustees members present: Pat Geenen (President of Board and Meeting Chair), Stacy Koenen (Vice President), Joe Riepenhoff (Secretary and Recording Secretary), Tony Panciera, Sarah Richards, Dana Brooks, Amy Wilbourne.

Present: >70 in person + 25 online.

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 PM.

1. Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes (Pat)

Moved to approve the minutes from the 2023 annual meeting.

Moved: Rod DePue. Seconded: Tom Briscoe

1 opposed, 1 abstention. Passed.

2. Remarks from Board President (Pat Geenen)

3. Nominating Committee report (Jane Cliff)

Motion to approve the nomination of Mark Chambers, Elizabeth Hayes and Ryan Pawlowski for 3 years (2024-27) on the Board of Trustees.

Moved by: Kathy Rivera. Seconded by: Ron Oshima.

Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the nomination of Lisa Koneazny and Laura White for 3 years (2024-27) on Nominating Committee.

Moved by: Terri Lewynn. Seconded by: Connie Jorgenson.

Passed unanimously.

Ceremonial motion to approve Tome Briscoe as acting Treasurer for FUSM 2023-24.

Moved by: Jane Cliff. Seconded by: Mark Chambers.

Passed unanimously.

4. Financial Condition Report with Q & A (Noreen Gilbertsen)

FUSM is in compliance with Board policies 4.4 and 4.5. Total income was \$805K and total expenses \$988K, total net assets were \$2,234K, .

5. Forge Our Future Endowment Task Force Update with Q & A (Dave Becker)

“With the Trust Agreement fully executed the responsibility for next steps regarding the Trust now falls to the Endowment Trustees and the EFTF’s charge from the Board has been completed.”

6. Stewardship Report with Q & A (Kathy Donius)

7. Remarks from the Minister of Religious Education (Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson)

“This year has set a foundation for a new way in faith formation. It has been a busy, growing, joy-filled year of new opportunities for our children, youth and families and I look forward to building on the good work we have begun.”

8. Remarks from the Associate Minister (Rev. Dena McPhetres)

“First Church is full of energy. May we continue to celebrate life in its fullness, open our doors and hearts wider, and nourish the spirits of all who seek a home here.”

9. Remarks from the Senior Minister (Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom)

“Our congregation has dug into its purpose this year with renewed vitality and strength, as people have come together to care for one another, discern and return to their values, and make meaning of these times.”

10. New Business / Comments from the Congregation with Q & A.

Motion to adjourn the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Moved by: Elizabeth Lentini. Seconded by Tony Panciera.

1 opposed, 1 abstention. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.