

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF BOZEMAN
May 19, 2024

The Annual Meeting Notice sent to members indicated that the vote would be held on membership of our 2024-2025 Board of Directors.

Meeting start: Jeanne Moe, Board President, opened the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Quorum: The most recent membership list showed 109 members. Neil Schwarzwald, Board Secretary, announced that we had more than half members present or represented by proxy (total of 75 recorded.)

2024-2025 Board Members

Jeanne presented the candidate list from the meeting notice. Barbara Tylka has served as Vice President 2023-2024; the VP “typically” advances to become President per the Bylaws. Elizabeth Rose, our Past President and meeting Parliamentarian, determined that the Bylaws require that the role of president also be voted on. Therefore, Barbara Tylka was added to the vote.

- Joy LeClaire, Secretary
- Mattie Whitehouse, Member-At-Large
- Janine Roberts, Treasurer
- Barbara Tylka, President

Motion to approve the candidates for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors carried by voice vote.

Discussion

Following the vote on Board membership, a discussion session was held to share information and answer questions.

- Bruce DePriester, our Treasurer, presented a brief overview UUFB finances, including a handout of our current status.
- Jeanne discussed our continuing search for a minister, considering several options in particular a contract minister. She emphasized that our difficulty is not a failure of our search committee or the congregation, but is a result of our remote location and a general shortage of ministers. And we experienced simple bad luck in the way this particular search unfolded. Important points from the Q&A:
 - We are using the UUA process for contract ministry.
 - The Board appointed a search team of Jeanne, Mary, Barbara T, and Neil.
 - A contract minister does not necessarily have to be a UU minister.
 - A contract minister can be called (unlike an interim minister).
 - UUFB has had contract ministers in the past.
 - Contract ministers are typically short-term and often part-time.
 - We could decide to have sermons delivered remotely, although this is not ideal. Pastoral care must be local and could be considered separately.
 - UUFB needs “all hands on deck” to include volunteers for committees, possible search committees, Sunday Services Committee, and a Vice President.
- Members were invited to stay after the Annual Meeting for discussion proposals to change UUA Article 2.

Meeting Adjourned: Jeanne closed the meeting at 12:10 PM.

Neil Schwarzwald, UUF Board Secretary
Minutes Approved by Board June 11, 2024