Unitarian Universality Congregation of Asheville
Minutes of the Annual Meeting, June 9, 2013

Call to Order: Gay Lambirth, President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 in the Sanctuary. After Chalice lighting and unison reading of the Congregational Covenant she appointed Larry Holt to be Parliamentarian and Michael Vavrek to be Process Observer.

Quorum: A quorum was verified by the Clerk (80 proxy, 66 in person for 146 of 526 members).

Minutes of the June 3, 2012 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

Reports:
Rev. Mark Ward, Lead Minister, reported on the state of the Congregation. Reports on upcoming outdoor construction projects included sewer project [Larry Holt], playground [Bennett Sherman, Director of Religious Education] and signage [Linda Topp, Director of Administration].

Finance and Budget:
Ken Brame from Finance Advisory Committee presented the financial and budget reports reflecting the both an increase in pledge income over budgeted and an increase in expenses. Linda Topp reviewed the proposed 2013-14 budget. Ken Brame's motion for its adoption was seconded and the motion to approve the 2013-14 Budget passed.

Nominating Committee:
Bruce Larson presented for the committee and recommended the adoption of their report:

President: Gay Lambirth

Vice-President: Joy Christi Przestwor

Clerk: Martha Kiger

Trustees: Jane Bramham (1 year)

Shel Altschul (2 year)

Carol Shulteis (2 year)

John Bates (1 year)

Melissa Davis (2 year)

Nominating Committee: Frank Valenti (3 year)

The proposed slate was approved.

Bylaws:
Mara Sprain, chair of the Bylaws Task Force, presented the proposed bylaws revision. She moved that the revised Bylaws be approved as a whole, and all elected Board and Committee members continue. Motion was seconded and passed with greater than two thirds majority of votes cast (132 yes, 10 no).

Lay Leader Recognition:
The President recognized and thanked the following Members, whose terms of service are ending, for their leadership:

RE Committee

- Sara Coplai

Pastoral Visitors

- Jim Fox
- Doug Hibshman
- Jo Yates

Memorial Garden

- Iris Williams and Charles Wussow

Ushers/Greeters

- Joy Christi Przestwor

Nominating Committee

- Bruce Larson

Auction Committee

- Carol Taylor

Campus Development Committee

- Michael Vavrek

Worship Associates

- Mark Boudreau
- Meg Hudson
- TS Pennington
- Arthur Poultney
- Joy Christi Przestwor
- DiAnna Ritola

Board

- Frank Valenti
- Michael Boing
- Juliana Austin
- Kay Aler Maida
- Treasurer – Sammy Fong

The newly elected Board and Nominating Committee members were installed.

Process Evaluation: Michael Vavrek presented his observations of the flow and tenor of the meeting. Four suggestions were noted:

- Provide more meeting packets
- Have copies of the Annual Report available at the meeting
- Make on-line proxy voting option more visible
- Require all speakers to use the microphone

A motion to adjourn the meeting passed.

Submitted by Jane Bramham