

Congregational Meeting Update May 19, 2024

Sixty-seven members of First Unitarian came together for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 19th. The meeting was led by Moderator Ken Olin.

The meeting began with a presentation and discussion from Visioning Team members Luana Goodwin and Joe Elliot, who noted that we are now preparing for a Capital Campaign to support modifications to our building over the next 10-20 years. A motion was adopted that stated "I/We affirm the Vision Plan for First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia prepared by Digsau Architects, with the understanding that planned maintenance and improvements will take place over many years. Project priorities will be approved by the Board in conjunction with capital campaign planning."

Board President Jacob Feige presented a President's Report, highlighting the creation/reestablishment of two working groups. He thanked those who provided support to him during his tenure.

Rev. Abbey Tennis provided a Minister's Report with updates on various ministries, including that the Social Justice Ministry is strong, the 20's/30's group has excellent programming, and the attendance in Religious Education is where it used to be pre-pandemic. She reminded us of the continued commitment to hybrid worship, and urged volunteers to join the Tech Team. Finally, she shared that 32 people have been involved in Small Group Ministries this year.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidates: **President:** Jacob Feige, **Vice President:** Darryl Watson Jr., **Secretary:** Kris Sivak, **Treasurer:** Tony Harrell, **At-Large Trustee:** Kathleen Riley, Joy Wiltenburg, Laura Tipson, **Nominating Committee:** Chuck Black, Raymond Owens, Kelly Servick, Phyllis Belk, Natalie Pendergast, and **Moderator:** Ken Olin. All candidates were elected to their positions by the congregation. Thank you to everyone for their service!

Finally, Board Treasurer Erin Worrell provided a presentation on the budget for Fiscal Year 2025. A motion was made and approved to suspend for Fiscal Year 2025 the bylaw requirement requiring payment of 100% of our UUA fair-share dues in favor of a good-faith contribution set at 31% of the ask for this year. A second motion was made and approved that we move to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget as presented at the Annual Meeting.

Outgoing Board Members Kate Slater, Chuck Black, Erin Worrell, and Wendy Jastrzab, and outgoing Nomination Committee members Jolan Bogdan, Tony Harrell, David Mazzone, and Anni Tacchino were recognized for their service. In addition, Rev. Abbey announced that Rev. Hannah's final service at the pulpit will be June 9th, with a celebration afterwards.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Meeting!