

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Longview  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATION BUSINESS MEETING**

**May 16, 2010**

**Members Present:** Sherry Kircus, Barbara Cavin, Tina "Birthday Girl" Rushing, Ruth Semrau, Al Hummadi, Veronica Hummadi, Betty Ready, Julie Hart, John Riley, Austin Pennington, Happy King, Lisa Sanders, Celeste Fisher, Jeff Fisher, Huey Mitchell, Amanda Koepke, Tom Mitchell, Chip Koepke, Robert Cargill, Sky Mitchell, Marolen Mullinax

**Members Absent:** Jo Porterfield, Gabi Owens, Jay Noble, Jessica Noble, Helen Ausman, Gayle Heard, Jerry Kircus, Jonna Anderson

Marolen called the meeting to order by welcoming all members and friends in attendance to the UUFL ACBM.

Marolen asked the secretary to note the number of members present (21) and a sign-in sheet was passed around.

Chip projected the agenda on the wall.

Julie made a motion to accept the 2009 ACBM minutes as submitted. Austin seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Chip projected the behavioral covenant on the wall.

Marolen asked if there were any questions about the UUFL Behavioral Covenant, the next item on the agenda. Tom Mitchell said he must take issue with a word in the last line of the third section: "By acknowledging human **infallibility**....." As much as we would all like that to be true, there is more than ample evidence to the contrary. Therefore we will need to amend the document to read: "By acknowledging human **fallibility**....."

Barbara made a motion to accept the covenant as amended. Amanda seconded it. Marolen asked for a show of hands for the voting. (19 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 abstained). Marolen announced the acceptance of the covenant. Celeste was thanked by the congregation with a hearty round of applause for all her work in getting the covenant put together.

Chip projected the budget on the wall.

Huey explained the line items. Julie questioned why the budgeted expenses were greater than the pledges amount. She said that to her mind the budget was not balanced. Huey explained that the budget is balanced because the shortfall between what was pledged and what we plan to spend is made up in what we have in checking, He also explained about pledges versus what we actually take in from the weekly collection plus other donations and gifts. (note: two members left the meeting at this point) Barbara noted that just because x amount of dollars is budgeted for something does not mean we have to spend that much which means there is "wiggle room" in the budget. Bob Cargill called for the question. Marolen asked if there was a motion to approve the proposed 2010-2011 budget. Ruth made the motion and Lisa seconded it. Marolen asked for a show of hands for approval of the budget (18) and then for those opposed (1). The budget was approved.

Chip projected the slate of candidates for the eight governing board positions.

Marolen read the following:

President:	Ruth Semrau
Vice President:	Marolen Mullinax
Secretary:	Celeste Fisher
Treasurer:	Julie Hart
Member-at-Large:	Gabi Owens
Member-at-Large:	Lisa Sanders
Member-at-Large:	Gayle Heard
Member-at-Large:	Huey Mitchell

Marolen asked if there was a motion to approve the slate as presented. John Riley made the motion and Celeste seconded it. Marolen called for a show of hands from those who would vote to approve the slate (17) and those who would vote to disapprove the slate (0). Two members abstained. Marolen congratulated the newly-elected Board members and thanked everyone for their participation in the process.

There being no further questions or business, Marolen adjourned the meeting.

Sky Mitchell, Secretary