

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
UNITY SPIRITUAL CENTER in the Rockies
March 26, 2017

MEETING OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Don Turner, 2016-2017 Board President. A count indicated sufficient number of members present to represent a quorum.

OPEN PRAYER: Reverend Ahriana conducted the opening prayer.

WELCOME:

- Non-member participation was approved with a majority vote by members.
- Don explained the process of heart check.
- With a majority vote, the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes were approved by membership.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES: Don Turner, Board President, introduced each of the candidates for the 2017-2018 Board of Trustees and each spoke briefly: Pat Christianson, Pat Wolla and Kim Roath. Ballots were marked and collected.

NOMINATION OF ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR AND ALTERNATE: Derek Reid was nominated as Election Chair, and Vern Vobejda was nominated as Alternate.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: Don Turner offered thanks to volunteers and spoke on the success of Ahriana's sabbatical. He expressed gratitude for three donations: one from the Bird Family Foundation, which was used to purchase 117 tons of gravel that the Men's Group spread out on the parking lot, and from the estates of Jane Edwards and Henry Blazek.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kimberly Roath presented the Treasurer's report – reviewed the 2016 actual income and budget, sharing two important points: 1) In 2016, the Board made a debt modification to the mortgage, which gave us a savings of \$45,000 over the term of the loan and the mortgage will be paid in full in 2032. 2) As a result of the \$25,000 line of credit that was established a few years ago, we no longer need equity loans and we are paying off our building. In addition, she covered information regarding the 2017 budget.

MINISTER'S REPORT:

- After introducing and thanking the staff, Rev. Ahriana thanked everyone for the success of her 2016 Sabbatical – we had great attendance and the community showed up for the speakers; and, she expressed appreciation for everyone's support at her ordination – 240 people were in attendance at the 11 a.m. service.
- Rev. Ahriana highlighted a productive and challenging 2016 year to include: building improvements - 117 tons of gravel spread on the parking lot and the work on compliance with the City of Colorado Springs; the success of the Youth Program due to Leslie Garcia and

Melissa Perez; challenges with the Board and Minister – brought in a peacemaker; new staff members: Michael Elmore-AV Specialist, Reece Eddy-Temple Keeper, Leslie Garcia-YOU Assistant, and Larkin Flora-Administrative Assistant.

- Rev. Ahriana highlighted statistics: 188 members; 25 children regularly participating in YFM; over 900 people subscribing to our e-bulletin; 718 on our Facebook page; Prayer Chaplains made 2057 calls and prayed with 207 people at services; performed four Life Celebrations, two Weddings and 1 Baby Blessing; Ushers handed out 292 Visitor Packages, and we had a total of 8079 Sunday Service visits.
- Rev. Ahriana briefed that we made over \$25, 075 in donations to various organizations, including Silent Unity, Unity Worldwide Ministries, Unity South Central Region, Westside CARES, Westside Food Pantry, Christmas-Adopt-A-Family, Thanksgiving Baskets, Back-to-School Backpack project, and a homeless family we assisted.
- Rev. Ahriana shared 2017 Objectives:
 - Building: Enhance the AV system.
 - Adult Religious Ed: Develop Spiritual Education and Enrichment (SEE) Program; support Licensed Unity Teacher (LUT) studies – two members are currently on track to become ministers.
 - Spring 2018 – Community trip to Unity Village
 - Bring in 1-2 National Speakers – Nemo Patel is scheduled to come in May and looking to bring Matthew Fox in the fall.
- Rev. Ahriana also shared 2017 Member Goals:
 - New mission/vision/core values; more Town Hall Meetings
 - Increase Auto-Tithes 10/10 – 47 households currently participating.
 - Bookstore – Challenged community to go into bookstore two times a year and buy something.
 - Bingo – Add 10 people to team
 - Survey Change – Board made change that only members will be receiving surveys going forward.
 - Prosperity Plus – Board Vice-President Linda Logan shared her experiences after taking the Prosperity Plus class.
 - Scrip Program – Vern Vobejda provided information about the Scrip Program.
 - Votive candle holder (made by Richard Anthony) – Rev. Ahriana explained candles will now be provided to light for prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BALLOT RESULTS: Don Turner presented the results of the Board ballots for the three open Board positions: Pat Christianson, Pat Wolla and Kim Roath. Also voted in were Election Team Chair Derek Reid and Vern Vobejda as Alternate.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD PRESIDENT – Don Turner, returning as 2017-2018 Board President, thanked Jan Moncallo and John Rogers for their service on the Board.

CLOSING PRAYER: Rev. Ahriana presented the closing prayer.

ADJOURNED: Don Turner adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.