

## **Unitarian Fellowship of Lake Norman**

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**The meeting started after our regular Sunday Service, at 4 p.m.**

**1) Jim Arnold presided over the meeting.** All members of the board were present, as well as all members heads of Committees.

**The following people and groups were thanked:**

- The out-going board, Lynn Henderson, who has brought so many essential insights from her past experience as president, Natalie Heling, who has provided us with so much good will and wisdom!
- Pat and Doug Wall and Pat Jobe who have taken multiple trips to 4-5 county areas impacted by Hurricane Irene.
- Our incredible Pat Jobe, always helping us help others, and who inspires us to be better and more joyful as a community.
- Pat and Doug Wall: the yearly Auction has become a major financial and social event for the fellowship.
- A big shout out to Animal Ministry members Alan and Claudia Perkinson, Jim Price, and all those who have contributed to that hard work for years: Pam Englebert, Greg Davis, Bruce Henderson, Pat Jobe, Tim Brown, Jim Arnold, Laura Daily, Jamie Bozian.
- $\frac{3}{4}$  members of the fellowship belong to chalice circles! Coordinators Marjorie Flowers and Natalie Heling were thanked, as were the other hosts: Linda Heydenburg, Jim Price.
- The Tech Team: Several people have worked intensively to design our website: Regina Burchette (who administered Breeze for many years) Susan Cameron, Karen Abrams, Mary Nicholson, were thanked!
- The people who record our services every Sunday: Greg Davis, Susan Cameron, Tim Brown, Jim Arnold.
- Gail Arnold, for finding speakers for how many years? And Pam Englebert, for picking up that duty.
- Bruce Henderson, who keeps reminding us with infinite patience to send in our news in order to get what he needs for the newsletter every week! And Regina, for picking up that task when Bruce is away.
- The Nominating Committee, Molly Stith, Agnes Fiore, And Sue Friday.
- The Building Committee, Jim Price at its head, Alan Perkinson, and Tracy Grimm

- The Care Committee: Natalie Heling (lead), Nancy Embry, Sue Friday, Naomi Gunn, and Mary Nicholson were thanked.
- Adopt a Highway Group, the Fellowship got a plaque from the governor for their 16<sup>th</sup> year! (Jim Arnold, Molly Stith, Bruce Henderson, Helen Patil, Tim Brown, Véronique Singerman).
- The Service Assistant Scheduler, Sandra McFeeley, and the service assistants, Karen Abrams, Jim Arnold, Tim Brown, Pamela Englebert. Lynn Henderson, Linda Heydenburg, Sandy McFeeley, Jane Pope, Jim Price, Veronique Singerman, Andi and Ray Smith.
- Margie Flowers, our greeter and head of Membership Committee
- Sandy McFeeley, who, Sunday after Sunday, designs and prints the Order of Service.
- Our remarkable professional musicians, Teresa Woody (piano), Mike Alicke (guitar), and of course Eddie Gunn, who joins in with his harmonica.

To all those people, who contribute to making our fellowship vibrant and our services meaningful and joyful, thank you!

We have been planning a meal at the Synagogue next door, and with the Friends. It will take place January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 2:30. Our job is to show up, and bring desserts or home-made bread. They got a \$2,500 from the City of Davidson and will have the meal catered by Bob Evans. We need to do a sign-up. All three groups have much in common, with overlapping philosophies.

## **2) Agnes proposed the Slate of Officers for 2026:**

**Board of Trustees:** Jim Price as Vice-President, Linda Heydenburg (renewable 2-year term as Co-treasurer), Gail Arnold (1-year term as Trustee-at-Large), Veronique Singerman, Secretary for 1-year term (one-year term, renewable, expiring in 2025),

**Building Fund:** Phil Sterner (3-year term) – **Nominating Committee:** Andi Smith (3-year term)

Tracy Grimm moved that, since there were no new nominations from the floor, we accept the nominations from the nominating committee. This was seconded and then accepted by the congregation.

**The vote was unanimous. 25 eligible members voted, and therefore, met the quorum needed for approval.**

**3) Karen Abrams and Linda Heydenburg presented and** discussed the Budget for 2026, which was distributed in the meeting packet. This new budget shows our commitment to invest in people, raising the compensations of our professional staff, Reverend Pat Jobe, Mike Alicke, and Theresa Woody. A new item, the Minister's Discretionary Fund will allow for response to individual cases of need.

## **4) Alan Perkinson gave a Building Fund report**

We have 2 Building Fund accounts,

- An investment account with the UUA (~\$14,500 balance)

- A savings account with Community Bank (~\$6,500 balance)

The UUA account is linked to the Lake Norman Endowment Fund. The account is split between several stock funds - the same as the Endowment fund.

Deposits can only be made in increments (at least \$1,000.00)

The Community Bank account is a local account used as a 'holding' account. Once the amount is over \$1,000.00, we can then transfer the money into the UUA fund. This account can accept deposits from the LNUUF Treasurer - Linda H.

**5) Marjorie Flowers, head of Membership Committee, shared that we currently had 57 members.**

**6) There were 2 amendments to the By-Laws that were proposed and that will be voted on at least 30 days from the meeting.**

They are as follow:

1. **Proposed Amendment Change to the Position of Co-Treasurer.** The Change is to Point 7 of the Existing Bylaws.  
Point 7 In the existing bylaw would be changed to read: The position of co-treasurer will be established, but may possibly be eliminated or changed in the future should the congregation engage a full-time administrator. The Co- Treasurer will be a full member of the Board and as such will be able to vote on all issues. Both treasurers will be elected for two-year terms.
2. **Proposed Amendment Change to the Position of President.** The Change is to Point V. A. of the Existing Bylaws.  
The amendment would read as follows:  
The president will continue to serve on the Board for the year following their term of office. They will serve as an advisor to the Board and will also have full voting rights.

7) Don't forget to check our calendar in Breeze and remember, members are welcome to attend our board meetings!

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Véronique Singerman, Secretary