



*The First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn
is a joyful, loving, religious community that inspires and empowers people to
Grow spiritually, Care for one another, and Work for social justice and stewardship of the earth.*

Congregational Meeting

February 26, 2017

Minutes

In the absence of the Clerk of the Society, Board President Lee Pardee called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm and declared a quorum.

James Goward nominated Samira Kawash to be moderator. The motion was seconded and Samira was elected by a clear majority.

The moderator noted the Rules for Congregational Meetings would be used as needed and she encouraged attendees to review the Right Relationship Covenant.

David Garvoille, Chair of the Leadership Development (Nominating) Committee, nominated the slate of proposed GA Delegates and Alternates, asking all on the slate to rise. The motion was seconded and carried by a clear majority.

Patrick Gunn, Trustee, read the UUA/UUSC Declaration of Conscience and moved that the congregation endorse the declaration. The motion was seconded and carried by a clear majority.

Cara Haft, Trustee, displayed the Brooklyn Heights Clergy Association banner welcoming refugees and immigrants to Brooklyn Heights houses of worship and moved that the congregation approve its display outside the church. The motion was seconded and carried by a clear majority.

A congregant expressed concern that the banner might be stolen as Black Lives Matter banners were over the summer and urged staff and congregational leadership to find a way to display the banner that would minimize the chance of this happening.

Joy Gabriel, Stewardship Chair, introduced a video, created by Joy's husband Joe Gabriel, of members expressing many reasons they love First Unitarian Brooklyn. The video ended with many of members saying "This is my religion!"

Koren Manning and Marty Bernstein presented the Stewardship PowerPoint, prepared by Director of Congregational Life Garnett Losak, and invited congregants to pick up and complete their FY2018 pledge forms after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lee Pardee.