

Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of the First Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn 02.25.24

Meeting Leaders

Role	Name
Moderator	Patrick Gunn
Assist. Minister	Meagan Henry
Co-president	Robin Bossert
Standing Committee	Beth Evans
Leadership Development Committee	Colleen Olsen
Treasurer	Lee Pardee
Facilities Committee	John Carroll Tom Check

Attachments to the Minutes

Documents are identified by document title (not electronic file name).

Congregational Meeting Agenda (Final) 02.25.24

Welcome to the Congregational Meeting (slide presentation)

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Call to Order

The meeting was held in the Sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church. Patrick called the meeting to order at 1:00 and declared a quorum.

Rev. Meagan lit the chalice and offered opening words.

Review of the Agenda and Meeting Rules

Patrick led the review of the Agenda, the Meeting Rules, the Right Relations Covenant, and Robert's Rules of Order. He introduced a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Appointment of the Parliamentarian and Election Inspectors

Patrick nominated Liz Davies as Parliamentarian The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Patrick nominated Yuri Geller, Vicki Antonioni, and Pat Lawrence as Election Inspectors. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of the Minutes of the Congregational Meeting 11.05.23

The Minutes of the previous Congregational Meeting had been posted for review in advance of the present meeting. A motion to approve was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Standing Committee Report

The Standing Committee's written report is contained within the slide presentation titled Welcome to the Congregational Meeting slide presentation. See Attachments. In Lisa's absence, Beth and Robin reviewed the report orally and engaged in discussion with attendees.

Numbers for enrollment in RE, attendance at Sunday services, and visitors at services were all higher for the first half of FY23-24 versus the same period in FY22-23.

Rev Ana's sabbatical has been approved.

First U had a busy schedule of events in the first half of this FY. New and continuing activities are in progress for the second half.

Chris Johnson will remain in his position as Acting Director of Facilities indefinitely.

Leadership Development Committee Report

Colleen presented the slate of nominees for delegates to GA 2024. See Welcome to the Congregational Meeting slide presentation. A motion to approve the slate was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Lee reported orally on matters under her purview, referencing the written information in Welcome to the Congregational Meeting.

Facilities Report

John Carroll reported on the status of the façade restoration and fire safety projects, referencing data, photos, and illustrations in the Welcome to the Congregational Meeting slide presentation.

Tom Check showed a sample of the fiberglass replacements for parts of the spires pending approval from the Landmarks Committee. He invited meeting attendees to a Q & A session to follow adjournment of the present meeting. Suggestions from the Q & A are to be taken to the fabricator for discussion.

An estimate for installation of lightening protection for the sanctuary has been received.

Closing Words and Adjournment

Patrick adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.