

Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council
Annual Meeting
Friday, June 22, 2012
UUA General Assembly, Phoenix AZ
Minutes

Members present 39.

Rev. Gary Smith offered an opening benediction.

12:30 PM, Chair Richard Van Duizend called the meeting to order and introduced attending guests from our partners around the world:

Balazs Scholar Rev. Zoltan Koppandi and family (Transylvania)
Olga Flores (Bolivia)
Francisco Javier Lagunes Gaitan (Mexico City)

Louis Cornish Award

Chair Van Duizend presented the plaque honoring Barbara Kres Beach as the 2012 Louis Cornish Award

Stewards of Partnership Award

Executive Director Cordes presented the 2012 Steward of Partnerships to Peter and Marjie Marion, First Unitarian Society of Madison WI, and Len Pellettieri, First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, CA, and acknowledged the other 8 awardees who were not able to attend:

Sue and Clint Blandford, Eliot Unitarian Chapel, St. Louis MO
Nancy Daugherty, First Parish in Bedford Unitarian Universalist, Bedford MA
Vickie Milde, Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Appleton WI
Barbara Shelton, East Shore Unitarian Church, Bellevue WA
Gerry Schott, East Shore Unitarian Church, Bellevue WA
Ethel Mae Theriault, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, NJ
Barbara Trentacosta, First Universalist Church, Yarmouth ME
Nadine Van Lieshout, Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Appleton WI

Board Chair Report

Chair Van Duizend recognized the past Board Presidents, UUPCC Board Members and outgoing Board member Rodger Mattlage, as well as Executive Director Cathy Cordes and staff members Margot Fleischman and Libby Hanna.

Chair Van Duizend reported that the state of the organization is good and that our relationships with our partner organizations have never been stronger. Van Duizend reported that UUPCC is making good progress on all the Board's goals of increasing partnerships and participation in UUPCC programs, and thanked all members for their dedication and hard work.

Approval of Minutes

M, Barbara Beach, S, John Gibbons

Voted: To approve the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting as printed.

Election of Board Members

Chair Van Duizend introduced the new and returning Board members presented as a slate by the UUPCC Nominating Committee: Rev. Diane Rollert, Gary Smith, Beverly Moore, Rev. Kelly Crocker.

Van Duizend called for a motion to elect the slate.

Voted: To elect the slate as presented.

Election of Nominating Committee Member

Chair of the Nominating Committee, Rev. Roger Bertschausen introduced the nominee for the nominating committee.

Voted: To elect the Larry Coburn as member of the UUPCC Nominating Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer George Davenport presented the report. Detailed financial reports had been included in the Annual Meeting Packet.

There were no questions from the audience about the report.

Executive Director's Report

Cordes highlighted some of the accomplishments from 2011.

The UUPCC Program is working to make pilgrimages more meaningful for travelers and partners. 153 travelers have visited Transylvania, the Philippines and the Khasi Hills. UUPCC is also supporting the Transylvanian Unitarian Church's expansion of travel services focusing on Hungarian travelers.

UUPCC is working hard to improve communication, including using social media and other methods to connect with our members and help our members connect with each other and their partners.

We are extremely pleased to be working with the ICUU, the UUA and the Kenya UU Council to support emerging congregations in Kenya and explore the potential for partnerships in that country.

UUPCC is also collaborating on the ICUUW Second Women's Convocation in Transylvania in October.

New Business

Mary Castiglia, UUPCC member from First UU Society in San Francisco CA, asked that the UUPCC Board consider conferring on Dr. Judit Gellert the title of "Founder" in light of her role in developing the Sister Church program.

Kathleen MacLeod from First UU Church in San Diego rose to describe her participation in the BUILD Philippines fundraising project, and to urge the UUPCC Board to consider a different model of fund raising to accomplish this goal, including seeking a capital fund. Van Duizend noted that UUPCC is working with the UUA to create a mechanism for funding capital projects overseas through the "Building our Faith" fund to encourage UU churches to set aside a small percentage of their own capital campaign funds for international UU projects. UUPCC Board Member deForest Ralph also noted that UUPCC is exploring different ways to meet this need.

Rev. Bruce Johnson offered a closing benediction.

Motion to adjourn 1:38 pm.

George Davenport (M), Len Pelletieri (S)

Voted: To adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM

Recorded by Margot Fleischman

Submitted by Beverly D. Moore, Secretary

Approved by the members attending the 2013 Annual Meeting/bdm