

**FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
**Congregational Meeting for Social Justice**  
**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

- I. A quorum being established, moderator Nancy Wesson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.
- II. Ruth Myers, Suzy and John Farrell were appointed tellers.
- III. Approval of the June 12, 2016 congregational meeting was postpone until the next congregational meeting.
- IV. Paul Minor introduced Dr. Marvin McMickle, President of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School who talked about the necessity of advocacy, the consequence of raising questions and the need to deal with the poverty in Rochester's inner city before we deal with problems in the rest of the world. Questions were answered after the talk.
- V. Congregational President Barbara deLeeuw reported on the church's finances and gave an update on the roof.
  - A. Last June we approved an austerity 2016-2017 budget.
    1. Thanks to those who contributed over the summer so we could keep our great staff employed.
    2. She highlighted cuts in budget like being able to fund Orange Sky only through this December and not being able to pay all of our UUA dues.
    3. She announced a \$50,000 matching grant that is available to be used in this budget. It will match all increases to the pledge base.
      - a. She hoped it would all be used.
  - B. Bero Architecture has been hired to oversee the roof replacement project.
    1. Barbara talked about Rev. Miller's role in the roof project.
- VI. John Keevert thanked Barbara for her leadership, thanked Rev. McMickle for his inspiring talk, and thanked Rev. Carlos Martinez for his help and for offering to host a fund raising dinner.
  - A. John talked of the budget cuts that effect the social responsibility area.
  - B. A coordinator is needed for the Food Cupboard.
  - C. Representatives from each group looking for taskforce status this year talked about what has been done and what plans the group has for the future.
    1. The Honduras task force was approved for taskforce status for this church year.
    2. The Microfinancing task force was approved for taskforce status for this church year.
    3. A new taskforce, Black Youth Lives Matter, was introduced and their plans were presented. They were approved for taskforce status for this church year.
    4. A new taskforce focusing on climate change and global warming talked about their plans for this church year and they were approved for taskforce status for this church year.
- VII. Ongoing Committee Reports
  - A. The School Partnership is 30<sup>th</sup> year's old this year and is celebrating this at a concert in November.
    1. More participants are needed.

- B. RAIHN, Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network, uses our church as a home for their participants four times a year. Our commitment is 5 rooms for up to 14 individuals.
  - C. Connect and Breathe reported on their success.
- VIII. Last year's Greater Good recipients, Great Schools for All and Women on the Move, each reported on their activities and how the money they received was used to further their cause.
- IX. A dinner for six people hosted by Rev. Carlos Martin was auctioned off.
- 1. The winners were Fritz Lange, Amy Hathaway and Roberta Buckle.
  - 2. \$595 was raised for the church's social justice work.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Friedman, clerk