

2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE UUHHS
MINUTES
12-1:30 pm July 23
First Parish in Watertown

Attendance: Fred Steven, Betsy Stevens, Stephanie May, Richard Kellaway

Approval of 2015 Minutes: Moved by Nicole, seconded by Kathy, approved unanimously.

Election: We elected the following officers:

Dan McKanan, secretary, 2 years
Steve Cook, treasurer, 2 years
Colin Bossen, trustee, 2 years
Phoebe Cos, trustee, 2 years
Nicole Kirk, trustee, 2 years

Note: Earl Holt (president), Mark Harris (vice president), Barbara Coeyman, Helen Zidowecki, John Marsh, and Kathy Parker are serving terms that expire in 2017.

Reports

Journal editor Kathy Parker expressed appreciation for everyone's support of the journal. She continues to work to expand the scope of content and contributors. We now review books on a wide range of topics connected to UUism. We are always looking for contributions.

On behalf of the Convo planning team, Kathy said that there is a good team. We have received a lot of papers and Stephanie May and Barbara Coeyman are developing the program. We received a generous grant from the UU Funding Program, which allows us to provide stipends for speakers and scholarships for participants. Rosemary Bray McNatt and Tisa Wenger will be our keynote speakers. Our theme is expansive enough to allow for a range of contributions. Stephanie May added that Stefan Jonasson will give a special additional talk, sponsored by the Midwest UU historical society. We have been especially impressed with the number of contributions to the hymn contest.

Dan announced that this year's congregational history prize was awarded to Cindy Cumfer for her history of First Unitarian in Portland, Oregon. Upcoming

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prizes include seminarian essay in 2017, religious education curriculum in 2018, and congregational history in 2019.

Dan announced that the new anthology of primary sources for UU history is in its final stages of development. Volume one has already been submitted to Skinner Books and volume two will be at the end of the summer, so we hope that the book will be available by our next annual meeting.

Mark announced the availability of free copies of *The Boston Religion* by Peter Richardson. In addition, Convo registrants will get free copies of *Freedom Moves West*. Peter is working on a history of UUism in Maine, Kennebunk to Caribou.

Stephanie announced the campaign to raise \$7500 (which will be matched by Mount Auburn Seminary) for the restoration of the Channing monument at Mount Auburn Cemetery.

John announced the parallel campaign to repair Theodore Parker's monument in Italy. We don't yet know the cost, but are in the process of developing a plan.

Steve announced that we have a Facebook page that is not extensively used, and encouraged everyone to "like" and "share" that page.

Budget

Earl announced that we have approved a balanced budget of \$16,500 for FY2017, with some ambitious goals for increasing our membership income.