

2018 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE UUHHS
MINUTES
12-1:30 pm July 21, 2018
First Parish in Watertown

Attendance: Colin Bossen, John Buehrens, Barbara Coeyman, Mark Harris, Earl Holt, Nicole Kirk, Dan McKanan, Kathy Parker, Rali Weaver; Richard Kellaway, Stephanie May

Election: We elected the following officers:

Secretary: Dan McKanan (re-election)

Treasurer: John Buehrens

Board Members: Phoebe Cos (re-election), Gail Forsyth-Vail, Nicole Kirk (re-election)

Note: Earl Holt (President), Mark Harris (Vice President), Barbara Coeyman, Patrice Curtis, Mark Hicks, Kathy Parker, and Rali Weaver are serving terms that expire in 2019. Because of term limits, Harris, Coeyman, and Parker will not be eligible to stand for re-election (though Parker will be able to continue serving ex officio because of her role as journal editor). Holt has reported that he also will not stand for re-election.

Reports

Kathy Parker, who has served since 2009 as editor, reported on the *Journal of UU History*. We have had wonderful feedback on this spring's issue, which included many pieces from the 2016 Convocation. It spoke very directly to the issues we are facing as a denomination today, especially issues of racial inclusion and countering white supremacy in our history and our present. The next issue will include three articles dealing with Universalist history, which should be of interest to those who hope to see more attention to that topic, as well as two articles on past Unitarians. We are planning to feature a forum of reviewers of Mark Morrison-Reed's new book on the black empowerment controversy. Please suggest other books for review!

Earl reported on plans for our next convocation, October 17-20, 2019, at the Maritime Conference Center in Baltimore. The planning committee, chaired by Carol Haag, has been meeting regularly by Zoom. Mark Hicks and Kathy Parker represent UUHHS on that team, which also includes representatives from Collegium, our cosponsor. The program committee is cochaired by Natalie Malter and Robert Reutenauer, both of whom have published articles in the *JUUh*. Collegium's distinguished speaker will be Mark Harris; UUHHS's will be Chris Cameron, a former Conrad Wright lecturer.

John reported that our 2018-2019 budget anticipates \$15,000 income and \$19,000 expenditures. Our policy is to take a conservative 4% draw on endowment. Membership income is at a relatively low ebb. It was only \$4300 last year, however, we have determined that our top priority for the coming year is a membership drive that will be shepherded by Nicole. It is incumbent on all of us to help add 80 new members in the coming year, which would allow us to balance the budget.

John also announced that we are about halfway to our \$20,000 minimum goal for the endowment of the Conrad Wright lectureship. All members of the board have contributed already. Former

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UUHHS president Kate Walker will lead a Faithify campaign to increase funding for this project. We will continue to work, as well, to identify major donors who might be able to bring this project to completion.

Kathy expressed a remembrance for Phil Hewett, who died this year. Barbara expressed a remembrance for Victor Carpenter.

We publicly expressed our thanks to Steve Cook for his service as treasurer and to Colin Bossen for his service as a board member. We also thanked Mark Harris for his ongoing and gracious hospitality at First Parish Watertown.

Approval of Minutes

We unanimously approved the minutes of the 2017 annual meeting.

We adjourned the annual meeting at 1:19 pm ET.