Fall 2024 Congregational Meeting Minutes
Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo

Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 12:00 PM in the sanctuary of the church

Meeting Opened:

Christine Slocum, Board President, opened the meeting. She read the church covenant and welcomed all attendees.

Nominations for Meeting:

Christine Slocum nominated Bill Parke to be Parliamentarian. Seconded and approved unanimously. Christine Slocum nominated Shawn Sweet as Teller. Seconded and approved unanimously. Christine Slocum nominated Frances Manly as Teller. Seconded and approved unanimously. Christine Slocum nominated Rachel Clark as Nominator. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Presentations:

The following presentations were made:

1. Rachel Clark introduced Martha Malkiewicz who gave a Stewardship Campaign update in the form of a mid-campaign report on progress. She said the current year's Stewardship Campaign has no specified fundraising goal; the hope is to get past $400,000. Donors are encouraged to meet with visiting stewards. Martha Malkiewicz also said that the list of those contacted is being carefully developed.

2. Rachel Clark introduced Bridget Evans for a Capital Campaign update. Capital Campaign pledges to date equal $965,000, to be given over 3 years. $305,000 is in hand, paid so far. She said people believe in this building and it supports the neighborhood and its people. Phil Nicholai asked how much the campaign is trying to raise "all together." Bridget Evans shared that the campaign goal has been upped to $1,250,000, plus the grant of $250,000, bringing the "all together" goal to $1,500,000.

3. Rachel Clark introduced John Petrocelli to discuss the Budget for 2025. Changes to last year's budget were summarized and projected deficits discussed. Questions were posed by attendees and answered. Rachel Clark asked for motion to approve the budget; Christine Slocum moved, and the motion was seconded. Per the tellers, the resulting vote approved the budget.

Adjournment:

John Marohn moved to close the meeting. Seconded and approved.

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