

**UUCWNC Annual Meeting
June 9, 2024**

Roles	People
Chair	Gary O'Connell
Parliamentarian	Dave Morrison
Secretary	Jane
Board member to make final Counts	Jimmy Reeves
Room Vergers, counters, vote collectors	Fran, Jeannie, Michael, Kathy
Door Monitor	Robert
Hospitality	Dennis
Check in people	Fran, Jeannie, Michael

Agenda – Gary O'Connell, Board of Trustees President

1. Meeting will start once we have tested the zoom polling
2. Here is what we are going to do.
 - a. Establish a quorum – we need a total of **35** members (20% of total membership 173) either present or on zoom
 - b. Elect our parliamentarian, Dave Morrison, we need a simple majority and we will do that with a voice count
 - c. I will then ask if there are any objections to adopting the agenda, if none then it will be adopted
 - d. Next, I will ask if there are any corrections to the minutes from the May 19,2024 Special Congregational Meeting. If there are no corrections the minutes will be approved. And then repeat for last years annual meeting
 - e. Then we will have a remembrance for members we have lost this year
 - f. I will report on events for the past year
 - g. Acknowledge the retiring Treasurer
 - h. Acknowledge retiring Nominating Committee members
 - i. Acknowledge retiring Board members
 - j. Elect the new Treasurer
 - k. Elect new nominating committee members
 - l. Elect new Board members
 - m. Saving the best for last, we will have the Treasurer's report
 - n. We will vote to adopt the proposed budget for 2024-2025
 - o. Adjourn

Call the Meeting to Order

Good morning, my name is Gary O'Connell, and I would like to officially call this Annual Congregation to order by asking Jimmy Reeves to light the candle while I read our mission statement.

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The Mission of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington is to:

- Be a community of individuals who accept and support each other, celebrating our diversity and commonality in a safe and nurturing environment that embraces a wide range of spiritual beliefs and practices.
- Offer diverse formal and informal worship services and forums that cultivate our spiritual and intellectual growth.
- Provide vibrant religious education for youth and adults that encourages free expression of ideas in the search for meaning.
- Engage in social action that promotes justice, freedom, and compassion in the greater community.
- Accept our shared responsibility for the health and well-being of our congregation and the larger UU community.
- Foster friendships and fun by gathering for social activities.

Establish a Quorum

Next, we will establish that we have a quorum, which is equal to 20% of the total number of current members. We have 173 members, so we need 35 members present.

Here in the Sanctuary the room counters will take a count of everyone present and give the total to Jimmy. Please take the count.

On zoom, we need to know how many devices are connected and how many people are on each device. You will see a link to a poll question in your chat box, asking how many members are using your device. Please select the appropriate number and submit.

Quorum was established.

Elect Parliamentarian:

Now we will elect our parliamentarian for the meeting. We need a simple majority for this motion to pass so I will ask for a voice vote. May I have a motion please.

Jimmy Reeves, Vice President: On behalf of the Board of Trustees I move that we elect Dave Morrison to serve as our Parliamentarian for the Annual All Congregation Meeting on June 09, 2024.

Gary O'Connell: As the Board is putting forward the motion, no second is needed. It has been moved that Dave Morrison be elected as the Parliamentarian for the Annual All Congregation Meeting on June 09, 2024.

Is there any discussion? There is no discussion, lets proceed to the vote.

On zoom, you will see a link in the chat box, to a poll asking if you **approve** or **disapprove** of electing Dave to serve as our parliamentarian. For those of you sharing a device, each person must take a turn clicking on the link.

Here in the Sanctuary, we will vote with a voice vote. Will all those in favor of the motion please say aye. Will all those against the motion please say no.

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Jimmy, do we have a simple majority in favor of the motion?

Jimmy Reeves: Yes, we do.

The motion to elect Dave Morrison parliamentarian has passed.

Approve agenda

Gary: The proposed agenda has been previously distributed.

This was done via email on May 29, 2024 to the congregation and is available here today in the sanctuary. Is there any objection to adopting this agenda? Hearing no objections, the agenda is adopted.

Minutes

Gary: We will now review and approve the minutes from the May 19th Special Congregation meeting. These were sent out via email to the congregation via email on May 29, 2024 and are available today in the sanctuary. Are there any corrections to the minutes? There being no corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved.

Gary: We will now review and approve the minutes from the All Congregation Annual Meeting held on June 11, 2023. These were sent out via email to the congregation on June 3, 2024 and are available today in the sanctuary. Are there any corrections to the minutes? There being no corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved.

Remembrance of members lost this past year

Gary: Jeannie Lennon will recall the members that we have lost this year.

Jeannie: 8/2/23 Dot Quinn

10/1/23 Carol Johnson

1/9/24 Bill Sinkinson

1/31/24 Warren Elliott

Events of the Past Year-Review & Update

Acknowledgement of Retiring Treasurer

Gary: I would like to acknowledge John Grigsby for his 6 years of service as our treasurer and as a Finance Committee member before that. John and the committee have done a tremendous amount of work for us to make sure we have the necessary financial resources and insurance coverage, so that we can meet our goals.

John has consistently worked with the Board to cover to set the budget and help us manage unintended expenses that occur every year. He worked with the Board to establish a bottom-up approach to developing the budget that allows us to see more clearly what the congregation needs to succeed. He was also instrumental in getting approval to use the Murphy Gift funds for our renovations and he has always been here every Sunday to talk to any member about any aspect of our finances.

John made my job easier because when it mattered most, in discussions about sensitive issues, John would always be entirely open about his thoughts and he was always supportive of this congregation's mission. I am happy to report that John is not really

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retiring but will remain on the Finance committee for years and decades to come! Thank you, John

And may I just say, John is responsible for recruiting Kim Scott to stand as our next Treasurer!

Acknowledge the retiring Nominating Committee Member

Gary: Margaret Armstrong is retiring from the Nominating Committee.

Margret had served a full term on the committee and retired last year. This year the committee needed one member to serve this year and Margaret graciously agreed to serve one more year. Nominating is a very important function in our church because we depend on them to identify the right people to serve on the Board. Thank you for being generous with your time and talent Margaret, we appreciate it very much.

Acknowledge Retiring Members of the Board of Trustees

Jimmy: Our Board will be losing three dedicated and talented folks this year, Robert Demko, Jane Hurrell and Gary O'Connell. All three are completing three years of service, a big commitment that they fulfilled with grace.

Despite his physical disability, Robert provided important insights into the issues before the Board, often pointing out new approaches to difficult problems or flaws in logic the rest of us missed.

Jane has served as our Board secretary for the past two years, juggling motherhood and full time employment first with the City and now with County government. Her minutes were always thorough and timely.

And Gary, our current president.

Election of new Treasurer

Gary: So now it's time to elect our new Treasurer. John, may I have a motion please.

John Grigsby, Treasurer: The nominating committee has submitted Kimberly S. Scott for election to the office of Treasurer. I move that we elect the nominee for the office of Treasurer as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Gary: We have a motion to elect Kimberly S. Scott for the office of Treasurer, do I have a second? (seconded) Is there any discussion? As there is no discussion, we will vote. (Vote taken) The motion to elect Kimberly S. Scott to the office of Treasurer has passed.

Election of new member to Nominating

Gary: So now it's time to elect our new Nominating Committee member. Jimmy, may I have a motion please.

Jimmy: The nominating committee has submitted Robin Raime for election to the Nominating Committee. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I move that we elect Robin Raime for the Nominating Committee as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Gary: As the motion was made on behalf of the Board of Trustees no second is needed. Is there any discussion? As there is no discussion, we will vote. (Vote taken) The motion to

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elect Robin Raime to the Nominating Committee as presented by the nominating committee has passed.

Election of new Board Members

Gary: So now it's time to elect our new Board members. Jimmy, may I have a motion please.

Jimmy: The nominating committee has submitted:

Kathryn Waple

Jo Ann Skinner

And Mark Gentner

for election to the Board of Trustees. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I move that we elect the nominees for the Board of Trustees as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Gary: As the motion was made on behalf of the Board of Trustees no second is needed. Is there any discussion? As there is no discussion, we will vote. (Vote taken) The motion to elect the nominees for the Board of Trustees as presented by the nominating committee has passed.

Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer and past Treasurer will now make their report to the congregation in advance of our vote to adopt the proposed budget for 2024-2025. (Report given)

Vote to adopt the Proposed Budget for 2024-2025

Gary: So now it's time to vote on adopting the proposed budget for 2024-2025 Jimmy, may I have a motion please.

Jimmy: On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I move that we to adopt the proposed budget for 2024-2025 as presented by the Treasurer and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Gary: As the motion was made on behalf of the Board of Trustees no second is needed. Is there any discussion? As there is no discussion, we will vote. (Vote taken) The motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2024-2025 as presented by the Treasurer and approved by the Board of Trustees has passed.

Adjournment

Thank you everyone for your time and attention today, At this point I will ask for a motion to adjourn this meeting. Do I have a second? (yes) We are adjourned.

By signing below, I hereby attest that all information provided in conjunction to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington's annual meeting is true and complete.

James H. Reeves, President of the Board of Trustees, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington, NC.