

St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2025 in person and online

Presiding: Joetta Prost, President

Additional Speakers, Presenters: Rev. Jenn Gracen, Interim Minister; Chris Wagner, Treasurer; Matthew Cowperthwait, Master Planning Team Leader, Wanda Crawford, Vice-President

Parliamentarian: Bill Gordon

Zoom Hosts: Shannon Tubb, Emily Hodges, Claire Wagner

Topic	Discussion/Action	Motion	Made by: 2 nd by:	Vote
Reading, Chalice Lighting	12:47 pm			
Verify Quorum	Quorum Count: 53 in sanctuary 6 online			
Meeting format and Voting Instructions	Joetta provided instructions for online and in person participation and voting. Vote tallies will include all absentee ballots received by the start of the meeting.			
Approve Minutes	Approve congregational meeting minutes from June 2, 2024	Motion to approve minutes	Monica Pellman 2nd by Wanda Crawford	unanimous
President's Message	Joetta provided a summary of the President's Annual Report to the congregation and invited members to review her reflections in the report.			
Minister's Message	Rev Jenn provided a summary of the Minister's Report to the congregation and invited members to review her reflections in the report.			
Voting for Leadership Positions	David Strecker from the Leadership Committee presented the slate of candidates for open positions. The ballot includes: Erica Strauss for President Greg Terhune for Program Director Pete Asman for Fund Trustee Voting was conducted by paper ballot in person, and zoom poll online.			55-0 in favor of this slate
Presentation of the Proposed Budget	Treasurer Chris Wagner led the presentation of the proposed budget . The proposed budget is available for review online. There was one question, from John Kachuba about the budget line for Social Justice. Vote was held in person by raised hand, and by zoom poll online.	Motion to approve the budget as presented	Meredith Green 2nd by Kathryn McDonough	57 Yes 1 abstain

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Presentation of the Both/And Strategic Plan	<p>Matt Cowperthwait from the Master Planning Team led the presentation of the Both/And Strategic Plan, including proposed projects, proposed assets, phasing and prioritizing of the Plan. There were questions about ADA compliance in the restroom renovation plans and question online about use of the sabbatical fund for Both/And projects. There was discussion about the valuation of the artwork as part of the financing of the Both/And Plan. Questions and comments from Alicia Rosselot, Jan Hay, Patric Leedom, Sally Larson, Meredith Green.</p> <p>Voted was conducted by paper ballot in person and zoom poll online.</p>	Motion to approve the Both/And Strategic Plan as provided in the presentation	Meredith Green 2nd by Bill Luerssen and Sally Larson	64 yes 4 no
Presentation of the Ministerial Selection Plan	<p>The Board leadership team of Joetta Prost, Wanda Crawford, Rev. Jenn led discussion of the Ministerial Selection Plan, detailing the 4 steps in the plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board has voted to pursue Developmental Ministry. 2. The Plan includes utilizing the UUA Resources for transitional ministry. 3. The search team will be formed by the board with congregational input, composed of 2 Board members, and 3 congregant members not on the Board. 4. The search team will bring proposed selection to the Board and the Board will make the final selection of the Developmental Minister, and negotiate the contract. <p>Search team will begin work this summer to create the St. John's informational packet and have it ready for prospective candidates by November. August 2026 will be the starting date for the new minister and departure date for Rev. Jenn.</p> <p>Carol Fencl offered comment on the need for revised/additional language in our Bylaws, to account for interim, contract, and developmental ministry options.</p> <p>Vote was conducted by paper ballot in person and zoom poll online.</p>	Motion to adopt the Ministerial Selection Plan as presented	Wanda Crawford 2nd by David Terry	67 yes Unanimous
Volunteers Appreciation	Joetta led this portion of the meeting to express appreciation for the many volunteers and leaders in our congregation.			
Announcements	Members are encouraged to contact the Board to recommend members for the Ministerial Search Team. Complete information and documents for this meeting are located on the website Our Governance page			
Adjourn	3:05 pm	Motion to adjourn	Diana Long 2nd by Sally Larson	unanimous

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Unapproved minutes,
Monica Pellman, Secretary