

Unitarian Society of Germantown
MINUTES for the Annual Congregational Meeting
May 20, 2018

Board President Susan Smith's Opening Words, noting that there would be no budget presentation at this meeting, with a presentation to occur at a later time.

Presentation of Congregational Awards to:

- Janet Haas, presented by Jenn Leiby
- Margaret Lea, presented by Debbie Ward
- Tom Ott, presented by Bill Morrow
- Lifetime Achievement: Elaine Hills, presented by JoAnn Davis
- A congregational award also was announced for Andrea Durham, who was not present at this meeting

Election of Annual Meeting Chair: Bill Morrow was elected by congregants and then presided. He appointed Tom Smith to take minutes of the meeting.

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were made available, and approved

Presentation of "Refreshing" USG's Welcoming Congregation Status: Barbara Dowdall reviewed the process of the Congregation's continuing to be recognized by UUA for welcoming LGBTQ individuals, mentioning new signage in the church, sermons, as well as participation in various related events. The Board has approved "refreshment" of that status for the upcoming year

Stained Glass: Susan Bockius provided a summary of work regarding the sanctuary's stained glass: which is to recognize and value and beauty of what is now in the windows, but also to look for ways to better reflect the presence of USG and UU values in them. A committee has developed a plan for proceeding, using current openings in the glass. Their plan was made available at the meeting, and participants were invited to review and comment.

Election of New Board Members and new Selection Committee The current selection committee has submitted three candidates for inclusion in the Board. Ballots were distributed to members to vote on these candidates as well as on nominees for next year's selection committee, which were as follows:

For the Board:

- Nancy Anderson
- Sam Stormant
- Helena Showell

For next year's Nominating Committee, the following were the candidates:

- Shobhi Kanal
- Howard Silver

Completed ballots were collected for tabulation.

This concluded business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Tom Smith