

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Monica
95th Annual Congregational Meeting In the Sanctuary
Sunday, June 18, 2023, 12:00 pm
Draft Minutes

1. Chalice Lighting: Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae
2. Call to Order and Quorum Report: Eileen called the meeting to order at 12:52 and announced a quorum of 69? (check with Joyce)
3. Reading the Covenant of Right Relations: Eileen McCormack
4. Appointment of officials: Beth Brownlie
 - a. Process Observers: Susan Hendricks
 - b. Voting: Hand Counters: Karl Lisovsky, Laura Carlson Weiner
 - c. Inspector and Counter of Board Election ballots: Sarah Robson, Cathie Gentile and Garland Allen
 - d. Check in: Joyce Holmen, Karen Mathews and Audrey Erbes
 - e. Time keeper: Johnny Canales
 - f. Parliamentarian: Lois Hutchinson
 - g. Right Relations trained officials: Beth Rendeiro and Cassie Winters
 - h. Pastoral Associate Chaplain: Cheryl Barnet
5. Review Covenant of Right Relations: Democracy in a congregation is practiced in the context of our covenants. We ask that everyone honor these covenants as we participate in the democratic process. Note that participation in church democracy is unlike that of other settings where it is only bound by the expectations of law. Beth Rendeiro led a discussion of our Covenant of Right Relations.
 - a. Agreements: maintain respectful dialogue and discussion; avoid personal criticism of others; follow meeting rules about speaking; support each other in staying within our covenant..
 - b. Remedies: speakers are asked to stop; take breaks.
6. Adoption of Rules of the Meeting: Lois Hutchinson talked about moving away from Robert's Rules of Order and moving towards more consensus based rules for running our meetings in the future.

**Resolution 1: The UUSM Congregation adopts the Covenant of Right Relations:
Motion: It was moved by Sue Bickford and second by Tom Ahern that the Covenant of Right Relations be adopted for the meeting and the motion passed unanimously**

Resolution 2: The UUSM Congregation adopts the Rules of the Meeting: Motion: It was moved by Lois Hutchinson and Seconded by John Zinner that the Rules of the Meeting be adopted: The motion passed unanimously.

7. Call to Covenant: Eileen McCormack

Resolution 3: The UUSM Congregation approves the minutes from the Annual Meeting on June 5th, 2022: Motion: It was moved by Leonard Cachola and seconded by Barbara Kernochan that the minutes of the June 5th 2022 minutes be approved and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 4: The UUSM Congregation approves the minutes from the Special Meeting on the Bylaws on February 26, 2023: Motion: It was moved by David Olsen and seconded by Siohban Braybrook to amend Resolution 4 to require that the revised Bylaws be attached to the minutes of the February 26th meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Motion: It was moved by Tom Hamilton and seconded by Pat Gomez that the Minutes of the Special meeting on the Bylaws with the attached revised Bylaws be approved. The motion passed with 52 yea, 4 nay and 2 abstentions.

8. Presentation of Congregational Awards: Congregational Awards will be resumed in 2024.

9. [Presentation of the Board of Directors and Leadership Development & Nominating Committee candidates: Leadership Development & Nominating Committee.](#)

10. Election of Candidates (collection of Ballots)

11. [Minister's report:](#) Jeremiah Kalendae

12. [President's report:](#) Eileen McCormack:

13. [Treasurer's report:](#) Vilma Ortiz

14. [Presentation of 2023-24 Budget:](#) Vilma Ortiz (Full 2023-24 budget availability: <http://tinyurl.com/23uubudget>)

Resolution 5: The UUSM Congregation approves the 2023 2024 budget. Motion: It was moved by Roberta Frye and seconded by Michael McCormack to approve the 2023-2024 budget. The motion passed by a vote of 45 yea, 6 nay and 1 abstention.

15. Announcement of Election Results: All candidates on the ballot were elected. Our Board of Directors for 2023-2024 are President Eileen McCormack, Vice President Vilma Ortiz,

Secretary Larry Weiner, Treasurer Rebecca Crawford, Members at Large, Norm Richey, Linda Van Ligten, Trish Brassard and Audrey Erbes.

16. Installation of elected officers: The newly elected officers were read the [charge](#) and all accepted their responsibilities.

17. President's closing remarks: Eileen thanked us for a successful meeting

18. Process Observation Report: Susan Hendriks did a brief report saying that overall the meeting went well.

19. Extinguishing the Chalice. The chalice was extinguished.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Weiner

Board Secretary