

TRUU Minutes  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
May 22, 2011

The annual meeting of the Two Rivers Unitarian Universalist was held at Bridges High School in Carbondale, immediately after the morning service. Board President Bill Spence welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Having determined a quorum (30% of membership), he asked for and received approval of the agenda.

Gretchen Haley gave the Minister's report, thanking everyone for a successful year, and spoke about her thoughts for the upcoming church year. Bill introduced the Board members and thanked them and all other volunteers for their service during the year. He then announced that there were two Board of Trustees positions open, and that the Nominating Committee had recommended Thelma Zabel (to continue as a member) and Leo McKinney (new member replacing Joanne Clements). There being no nominations from the floor, a vote was called for, and the candidates were elected unanimously.

The next vote concerned the Nominating Committee, with three open spots. The present Nominating Committee, comprised of Cathy Schermer, Kate Feinsig and Garry Zabel, were unanimously re-elected. There were no nominations from the floor.

Cathy Schermer then explained how the Nominating Committee will transition into the Leadership Development Committee, with the addition of Sue Edelstein and Susan Cashel as members.

Sue Edelstein then gave the Treasurer's report and explained the Chalice Lighter Grant. She said that TRUU has underspent the current year's budget by approximately \$8,000. Because there weren't enough funds raised during the pledge drive for 2011-2012 to meet the "dream budget", Sue proposed that the overage be divided equally between the 2011-2012 budget and the ministerial savings fund. This suggestion was approved by the Board. Also, a small part of the forthcoming Chalice Lighter's grant was included as budget items in our dream budget and this will be applied as appropriate. Sue emphasized that the grant money is only available once. Sue reported that there is about \$24,000 in the ministerial savings fund. Pat Sydel has agreed to be the new Treasurer, as reported by Cathy Schermer. Following a discussion of the proposed 2011-12 church year, Nicolette Touissant moved

to approve the budget with the stipulation that the Board has some discretion to make changes to it. The motion was approved unanimously.

Each committee liaison to the Board then gave a brief report.

a. Cathy Schermer explained that next year's Program Committee will function differently and that it will be divided into two parts, a worship committee and a committee for set-up for the services.

b. Sue Coyle said the Social Justice Committee is finding out ways to become involved with Habitat for Humanity and is doing Extended Table every fourth Monday of the month. She asked that ideas be submitted for Social Justice activities.

c. Thelma Zabel asked for volunteers to serve on the Membership Committee.

d. Mike Schermer said there are now about 60 people signed up for Circle Suppers, and the suppers will continue through the summer.

e. Trina Haines, liaison for the Caring Committee, said there will be a "community page" on the website.

f. The Communications Committee has been advertising TRUU with ads in the newspapers, public radio, Moms for Moms website, and Facebook.

Bill Spence announced that he is stepping down as Board President but will continue as a Board member. New officers for next year will be decided by the Board. He also announced that the bylaws are being revised and expressed his hope that the new bylaws will provide a guide for improved governance of TRUU. Bill also said there will be a change of ministry for next year, with Gretchen Haley conducting more services and Robert Latham conducting fewer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Coyle, Secretary