

Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie
Congregational Meeting Minutes—(draft)
November 13, 2016

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie was convened at 12:20 pm, November 13, 2016, at the church. Holly Hanauer, Board of Trustees President, presided over the meeting. Sharon Seager, Board of Trustees Secretary, was recording secretary. Bruce Craig acted as Parliamentarian. A total of 74 members of the congregation registered and received voting cards for the meeting. This number constituted a quorum of the members of the congregation.

2. Reading and approval of the minutes from the May 22, 2016, Congregational meeting.

Motion: Hal Caldwell made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 22, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Judith Roepke. The motion passed.

3. Usha Shivaswamy, UUCM Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Final Report for the fiscal year 2015-16. Total income for the year was \$304,143, which was more than what the FY 2015/16 budget expected. Total expenses were \$305,235. FY 2015-16 ended with a deficit of \$1,092. This is smaller than the budgeted deficit of \$5,912.

Shivaswamy noted that pledges and gifts were \$275,005, and that nearly 99% of the pledges were paid in full.

The bill for the electricity payment went down from \$2159 to \$1256.

The property insurance bill has been reduced.

4. Ron Moore, representing the Finance Committee, summarized the positive findings of a Financial Review of UUCM's financial records. He gave particular thanks to Adam Abner, who examined over 2000 financial items in the records. Moore also noted the very good work done by Jeff Hathaway, Jim Vincent, and Chuck Austin in ensuring that financial recordkeeping is accurate.

5. Jerry McKean presented an update of the Two Services Task Force, which has been working very actively during the past year. It was charged with examining whether it would be possible or desirable for UUCM to hold two services on Sunday mornings. The Task Force is presently meeting with numerous individuals, groups, and programs that would be affected by such a change. They have studied the existing research, particularly as it indicates the likely impact on membership numbers. They hope to present a proposal in January, and perhaps will recommend a one-year trial.

6. Recently, the Two Services Task Force published a special eBlast about their findings: that UUCM appears to be "stuck" at a growth point between a "pastoral" and "program" church. This presents various difficulties which might be overcome with a

planned, sustained agenda for growth. A proposal from the Task Force will include a budget.

7. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Seager, Board of Trustees Secretary, Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie.