

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter
Minutes of All Church Meeting – Sunday, March 7, 2010

The meeting took place in the FUUSE Sanctuary and was called to order by Moderator James Webber at 12.32 p.m. Forty-nine voting members were in attendance, sufficient for a quorum.

Deb Merrick gave opening remarks, in which she praised the committees and discussion-forum attendees for their work in developing the three major proposals that were placed on the meeting's agenda.

All three items were approved by the membership. The first item to be voted upon was approved with one amendment. The second and third items were passed unchanged. In order, the items were:

FUUSE Bylaws (Revised)

This document was introduced to the meeting by Frank Heffron and Cliff Sinnott. Heffron described the revisions -- the first for five years -- as significant but not radical. During the discussion period, an amendment was proposed by Donna Schlachman to cancel the revision on age qualification (minimum age 16 for membership, including the right to vote), and revert to the original version (minimum age 13 for membership, age 18 for voting rights). *The membership voted in favor of the amendment, and then voted to approve the revised bylaws incorporating the amendment.*

FUUSE Program of Needs

Introduced by Deb Merrick, this was a two-part proposal to acknowledge significant progress made by the FUUSE Building Feasibility Study Group and to approve a recommendation to pursue the building project on FUUSE's current site, and not any other site. The discussion session focused on pros and cons of the existing site. *No amendments were proposed, and both parts of this item received favorable votes.*

FUUSE Safe Congregation Policy

Paul Robinson introduced this final item on the agenda. A number of points were raised during the discussion period, including a comment that a Safe Congregation Policy was necessary in order to qualify for insurance, and a suggestion that the page 1 phrase, "all members and friends of this congregation" could be re-written to specify families and children. *No amendments were proposed, and this item also received a positive vote.*

With no further business at hand, Moderator Webber made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 1.36 p.m.

Please note: Electronic copies of the Bylaws, Program of Needs and Safe Congregation policy are available on the FUUSE website at www.exeteruu.org. Printed copies are on file in the office of the FUUSE Administrator at 12 Elm Street, Exeter.

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