

**Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
**Notes of Special Congregational Meeting**  
**September 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in BUUF Sanctuary**  
(Meeting notes are not subject to approval.)

**Establish Quorum**

As the beginning of the meeting, there were 252 members, making a quorum of 51 required. 53 members signed in, establishing a quorum. During the course of the meeting, 4 additional members signed in. Jim Bigelow reported establishment of the quorum to Allie Gooding.

**Call to Order**

Allie Gooding called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Ingathering**

The Rev. Elizabeth Greene conducted an ingathering with a reading.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Without objection the agenda was adopted, moving forward the item dealing with the acknowledgement of new members.

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

1. **Establish Quorum**
2. **Call to Order**
3. **Ingathering and Hymn**
4. **Adoption of Agenda (Action Item)**
5. **Acknowledgement and installation of New Members**
6. **Election of Officers and Directors (Action item)**
7. **Presentation of Current Financial Situation**
8. **Motion to reinstate a BUUF staff Cost of Living Adjustment in the BUUF 2009-2010 Budget**
9. **Motion for funding the BUUF Staff Cost of Living Adjustment (Action item)**
10. **Motion to approve BUUF's 2009-2010 Budget (Action item)**
11. **Motion for a BUUF Health Care Resolution**
12. **Board of Directors Report**

**Acknowledgement and Installation of New Members**

Allie called on Jay Wechselberger of the Membership Committee to introduce and lead the induction of new members. The four new members who had, just that evening signed the membership book, by asking them to stand:

- Susan Kelley
- Jane Breckenridge
- Valarie Cobbs
- Ken Cobbs

The new members were welcomed and approved by voice vote.

## Election of Officers and Directors

Allie called on Joe Wechselberger of the nominating committee to present the slate of officers and directors. Joe Moved that the following slate be elected as a whole:

- Judy Frederick, President for the remainder of Dale Winke's term, the position was vacated by Dale's 9/1/09 resignation. The term is for one year, expiring on June 30, 2010
- Confirming Jim Bigelow as Secretary, appointed by the Board July 16, 2009, filling the position vacated by Elton Hall's May 31, 2009 resignation. Term: Three years, ending June 30, 2010
- Jay Wechselberger, Director #1 filling vacant position created by Judy Frederick's election as President. Term: Three years, ending June 30, 2010

Allie asked the nominees to stand and after the motion was seconded, it passed by voice vote.

## Presentation of Current Financial Situation

Allie called on Blake Olson to present the congregation's current financial position. Blake yielded to Jim Geddings who discussed how the budget at the end of the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year was not viable and that after many difficult meetings by the board, the finance committee and BUUF committees a balanced budget was created. See the budget summary below in **Error! Reference source not found.** and the complete budget in the Minutes for more information about budget.

Ordinary Income/Expense	
<b>Income</b>	
410 · Ordinary Donations	286,881
420 · Fundraising	8,000
470 · Other Income	15,000
495 · Bridge Event Center User Fees	7,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>316,881</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
510 · Bank	500
520 · Brokerage	50
530 · Insurance	5,200
540 · Office	14,007
570 · Mortgage Payments	62,176
610 · RE Program Expenses	4,975
620 · Lifespan Education	658
630 · Connections Council	2,973
650 · Ceremonies and Celebrations	3,150
660 · Social Outreach Council	600
680 · Finance Committees	2,000
700 · Building and Grounds	16,430
720 · Utilities	10,040
760 · Dues	18,634
770 · Board & Minister	475
780 · Professional Expenses	5,975
810 · Minister	73,280
830 · DRE	35,118
850 · Office Manager	28,761
870 · Music	10,500
910 · Other	22,421
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>317,922</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(1,041)</b>

Figure 1 Summary of the BUUF 2009-2010 Budget

Allie invited Loren Bergeson to assume the chair as chairman *pro tem* for the following agenda items

## **Motion to reinstate a BUUF staff Cost of Living Adjustment in the BUUF 2009-2010 Budget**

Loren called on Bob Huntley who along with Elton Hall submitted the following motion:

*Resolved, that the Proposed 2009-10 Budget be amended to provide for the restoration of the COLA of 5.8% increase to BUUF Staff originally proposed by the Personnel Committee and subsequently approved by the Board, which increase, costing approximately \$10,000, was later removed due to financial constraints perceived in June.*

During the lively debate this resolution was combined with the next item as a single motion reading as follows:

1. *Resolved, that the Proposed 2009-10 Budget be amended to provide for the restoration of the COLA of 5.8% increase to BUUF Staff originally proposed by the Personnel Committee and subsequently approved by the Board, which increase, costing approximately \$10,000, was later removed due to financial constraints perceived in June.*
2. *Resolved, that the COLA be funded by one or more of the measures listed below*
  - a. *Invite Members and Friends to contribute sums not to exceed \$250 per pledge unit, payable by October 31<sup>st</sup> for this funding; and/or*
  - b. *Such other method as the Board might deem appropriate if method (i) does not raise the necessary funds, but if, and only if, the Board determines such additional funds can prudently be made available*

Following more debate the resolution was amended to read as follows:

*Resolved, that the Proposed 2009-10 Budget be amended to provide for the restoration of the COLA of up to 5.8% increase to BUUF Staff originally proposed by the Personnel Committee and subsequently approved by the Board, which increase, costing approximately \$10,000, was later removed due to financial constraints perceived in June. **Let it be further resolved that this COLA be funded by, and only by, any monies raised by inviting Members and Friends to contribute sums not to exceed \$250 per pledge unit, payable by October 31<sup>st</sup>.***

Eventually Louise Jacobsen moved that the discussion be closed and a vote be taken on the motion. This motion passed by voice vote and the final motion was put to a standing vote where it failed with 20 yes votes and 26 no votes.

## **Motion to approve BUUF's 2009-2010 Budget**

Loren then read the budget. See the budget summary below in **Error! Reference source not found.** and the complete budget in the Minutes for more information about budget. The motion to approve the budget was made, seconded and passed by voice vote.

## **Motion to approve BUUF's 2009-2010 Budget**

Bob Huntley moved that the following resolution be accepted:

*Resolved: It is the consensus of a substantial majority of the Congregation of the BOISE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP, Inc., of Boise, Idaho that the credible evidence and studies establish that effective and fiscally sound "Health Care Reform" and "Health Care Insurance Reform" can be achieved only through the institution of a **Single Payor** system or a **Public Option** system*

The motion was accepted and passed by a standing vote of 46 yes and 0 no.

## **Board of Directors Report**

Loren turned the meeting over to Judy Frederick the new elected President who spoke briefly due to the late hour.

## **Adjournment**

Judy adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.