

Called First Unitarian Congregational Meeting May 16, 2021

1. Confirmation of Quorum (10% of the membership) Count: 188
2. Chalice Lighting: Mikaela Renz-Whitmore did our chalice reading and let us know how to get tech support if needed and reminded us that we are all in this together.
3. Call to Order: 2:20 pm: Michael McDonald gave instructions for making comments, asking questions and voting. We did a practice vote prior to starting the meeting.
4. Warren Hayslip made a presentation on the financial strength of the church. He presented our operational performance historically from 2010-2020 and explained how our church can afford to purchase the ARC building and buy out our solar panels.
5. Motion 1: To approve the buyout of First Unitarian Church's solar power system leases from Premium Power Energy LLC, subject to final board review and execution, not to exceed \$88,000; and to approve the funding of this buyout through a combination of existing capital fund and new banking finances.
Warren Hayslip explained why this is a good idea. Questions were asked and answered.
Vote: passed
6. Motion 2: To approve the purchase of the Arc of New Mexico building and property, subject to final board review and execution; not to exceed the asking amount of \$490,000; and to approve the funding of this purchase through a combination of existing capital funds, new bank financing, and a capital fund-raising campaign.
Warren Hayslip presented additional information about the purchase of the ARC building. The seller has agreed to our \$480,000 price vs. its asking price of \$490,000. This is a reasonable price. If approved the completed transaction will likely be in August 2021. Gwen Sawyer explained the growth history of our church. George Bakula explained how this potential purchase came to us and that a task force was formed

to explore this possibility. The building has a reception area, about 19 offices, a large open area and 2 executive offices. The building is approximately 5,050 square feet. It will be a congregational decision on how the building will be used. It could possibly replace part of the Wesson/Arnold/La Amikoj buildings. It could house the food pantry. We could rent portions of the building (including meeting rooms) to provide rental revenue. These are all possibilities for how we will use the building. Rev. Bob Lavalley talked about why we are considering this at this time. Questions were asked and answered. Comments made in the chat format were read by our moderator.

Vote: passed

7. Motion 3: To ordain Jane Davis into Unitarian Universalist ministry. Rev. Bob LaVallee explained that Jane Davis has been approved for ordination and that she has asked us to ordain her. No questions asked.

Vote: passed

8. Mikaela Renz-Whitmore made closing remarks and shared a moment of silence.

9. Meeting adjourned at 3:53pm

10. Chalice extinguished