

Congregational Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2025

Number present:

Online: 5

In person : 31

Nominating committee:

Sylvia Shaw, Bert Taylor, Laura Phelan-Shahin, and Berti Welty

Who is continuing for another year: Josh Charles (present, though may move mid-term), Hart Mendenhall. Jason Teraoka (absent) Corazon Amada (absent) will all continue for one more year.

Who is coming on: Berti Welty (co-president, one year), Greg Blomstrom (co-president, 2 years), Joanna Welch (trustee, 2 years), Colleen Broderick (trustee, 2 years), Dan Shahin (trustee, 2 years).

Staggered terms by design.

Questions : none.

Concerns (what if you don't get the newsletter?) Issues of access. Bek mentioned she includes a link to it in each Weekly. Will look into making it available in pdf format

Proposals for Consensus:

Proposal 1: Affirm the UUA 2024 Action of Immediate Witness (AIW): Solidarity and Support with the lives of Palestinians

- Debate about whether or not to adopt the AIW as a whole or just the Resolution ("Resolved") part from page 3
- Concerns about the language of "Zionism" as it is off putting to some and means different things to different groups
- General feeling that time is of the essence; Action is needed now
- One member would like a to add a six word addendum: "& providing sanctuary to activists in danger"
- Blocked by one member unless 6 words are added.
- Motion from another member to vote by ballot
- Need 26 to pass. Didn't pass.
- Lengthy discussion.

New Proposal 1: Adopt the Resolution (“Resolved”) portion of the AIW as written with a commitment to draft specific language for the congregation to consider by April 30th.

- Jeanine Pfeiffer offered to draft addendums by April 30. Team of 3 created to add additional language: Cena Marino & Dan Shahin additional members.
- Additional language needs to be brought to the congregation for consensus process at a future congregational meeting.

PASSED

Proposal 2: Affirm the UUA 2024 Responsive Resolution: Support for October 7 Hostages

- Unable to discuss further proposals as many members left after lengthy discussion. No longer a quorum.
- Will need to revisit at a future meeting.

Proposal 3: Affirm the HUUF 2017 Sanctuary Pledge