

Borderlands Unitarian Universalist Annual Meeting Report - April 27, 2025

The BUU Annual Meeting commenced at 11:30 a.m.

Board members present: Vice President Lorelei Schober, Treasurer Charlie Golec, and Members at Large: Martha House, Tanya Leighton, and Nic Smith. President Michael Karl was absent.

Welcome: Lorelei S. called the meeting to order. A Quorum was affirmed, with 64 members present.

Chalice Lighting: Martha H. with reading by Lorelei S.

Reading of the Covenant: Tanya L. led the congregation

Minutes: from the April 28, 2024 Annual Meeting were read by Charlie G. Motion to approve by Tanya L.; seconded by Nic S. Approved.

President's Report: read by Lorelei S. It highlighted key initiatives, progress towards organizational goals, and notable successes. The President expressed gratitude to the Board members and volunteers who contributed to these accomplishments.

Minister's Report: Reverend Inge Detweiler. Included reflections on the past year's events, the engagement of the community, and plans for future spiritual endeavors. The Minister emphasized the importance of collective efforts in nurturing BUU's mission.

Coordinating Council Report: Lorelei S. presented an overview of the committee activities and achievements throughout the year and expressed gratitude to all of the committee representatives and volunteers.

Treasurer's Report: Charlie G. presented a report on the General Fund covering the nine months ending March 31, 2025. This included highlights of income, expenses, and overall financial position. The status of the Endowment Fund at March 31, 2025 was presented as well. Questions and answers with discussion ensued.

The Endowment 4% Resolution: Charlie G. The Resolution allows a portion of the annual 4% distributable funds for the 2025-2026 year to be used to supplement revenue in the 2025-2026 Budget if necessary, at the discretion of the Board. Attendees engaged in a thorough discussion, weighing the benefits and implications of the resolution. Extended discussion ensued.

Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026: Charlie G. This budget outlines the anticipated revenue and planned expenditures for the upcoming year resulting in a deficit of \$34,500. Members had the opportunity to discuss and deliberate over the proposed financial plan, the budgeting process, and the Board's view that full and complete Minister and staff levels, as well as stable operating expenses, are essential to operate as a going concern to serve the membership, current and future. Attendees engaged in a thorough discussion, airing differing points of view. Extended discussion ensued.

Voting by Paper Ballot: Paper ballots previously distributed for voting on both the Endowment 4% Resolution and the Proposed Budget for 2025-2026 were executed by the individual members. Ballots were then held pending introduction of candidates for available Board positions. This year's Nominating Committee, comprised of Barbara Lund, Diane Tepe, and Riki Renfro, nominated the following:

Secretary - Susan James

Board Member at Large - Donald Berk

Vice-President - As there was no previously declared nomination for the Vice President, nominations were opened to the congregation. Two possible candidates were nominated from the floor and several others were nominated by ballot. Due to the need for individual acceptance to advance, the Board received these nominations subject to acceptance and a future vote.

Ballots previously held were now completed for voting on candidates for available Board positions. Completed ballots were collected by members of the Board for counting.

Voting Results: Counts of the votes by ballot as summarized were announced. Both proposals, the Endowment 4% Resolution (46 Yes vs 16 No) and the Proposed Budget for 2025-2026 (50 Yes vs 11 No), were approved by the membership vote.

Candidates Susan James and Donald Berk were elected to their respective positions.

Past President Recognition: Lorelei S. read special recognition comments prepared by Michael K. to honor Russ Peterson. Michael acknowledged Russ's dedication and service with heartfelt thanks for a job well done during his two-year term. His name has been added to the wall plaque. Thereafter, previous Presidents and previous Board members were invited to stand and be recognized for their past service.

Closing Words: Lorelei S. concluded the meeting by offering reflections on the year and expressing thanks for all who participated in the process.

Extinguishing of the Chalice: Lorelei S. with a reading.

Adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Submitted by Susan James, acting secretary