

**Northeast Iowa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**  
**The Lingonberry**  
**May 6, 2018**

**1. Brief Service**

**2. Call to Order** – Bill Pardee called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m. Bill Pardee recognized Bruce Jordan for his leadership with NEIUUF Hospitality.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting** – Bruce Jordan moved to approve the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting as distributed via email. Carl Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**4. Approval of the Agenda** – Karen Esterl moved to approve the agenda for the 2018 Annual Meeting. Mike Vermace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**5. Review, modification if necessary, and approval of Consent Agenda (Chair Report; Sunday Service Committee; Membership; OWL Program; Non-controversial Bylaw updates, shaded in document)** – Cathy Pardee moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Shirley Vermace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**6. Bylaw updates** – The following Board-recommended updates to the NEIUUF Bylaws were voted on by voice. **Article 4: Section 4.02:** Ayes carried the vote to approve the update. **Article 4: Section 4.05:** NEIUUF members present discussed the suggested update. Sue Otte moved and Mike Vermace seconded that “shall” be replaced with “may.” The motion to amend the update carried. Ayes carried the vote to approve the update as amended. **Article Six:** Ayes carried the vote to approve the update.

**7. A new location for NEIUUF?** – Bill Pardee gave some history of the search for a new NEIUUF meeting location. Mike Vermace gave a summary of the search process and information about the Lingonberry. A search committee worked separately. NEIUUF members present discussed the possibility of moving to the Lingonberry, including: other sites considered; perspective on buying, rather than renting (buying is not a possibility at this time); childcare space and related exits; parking and handicap parking; being bumped from the Lingonberry rental schedule 4x/year at most, with 30 days notice; kitchenette or commercial kitchen eventually behind back wall; NEIUUF sign always in the window; possibility of a sound system; difficulty hearing in cavernous space. Carl Peterson moved that the Fellowship enter into negotiations with the goal of moving into the Lingonberry. Bill Pardee noted that the Board must be trusted to work out the details. John Hall seconded the motion. 28 ayes carried the motion.

**8. Budget Approval** – Bill Pardee recognized Jim McIntosh’s years of service to the Board and to the Fellowship. Jim McIntosh noted that the Fellowship is in good shape regarding revenues and expenditures. In outreach opportunities, the Fellowship donated almost \$23,000. Regarding Certificates of Deposit, about half are restricted and gathering interest each year. The OWL program is now a separate fund for the sake of accuracy and clarity. Let’s Talk involved a grant from the Depot. The Member Emergency Fund is at about \$1200. The Proposed Budget puts what we want to do into financial terms – a continuation of what we’ve been doing; where we are now and where we expect to be at the end of the fiscal year. NEIUUF members present discussed the proposed budget. There may be adjustments to the budget in light of moving to new location. Governing Boards are given the authority to make modifications to a budget, if the bottom line isn’t affected; such modifications don’t

require coming back to the Fellowship for approval. Carl Peterson moved that the proposed 2018-2019 budget be approved. John Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**9. Election Items**

**9.1 Board Member Election (Vote for three: Carolyn Corbin, Matthew Alexander, Bill Pardee)** – Ayes carried the vote to approve the three nominees.

**9.2 Members of Nominating Committee (Vote for two: Carol Hagen, Lynn Pleggenkuhle)** – Ayes carried the vote to approve the two nominees.

**10. Adjournment** – Mike Vermace moved that the meeting be adjourned. Harvey Benson seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
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