

# Unitarian Universalist Congregational Meeting

## October 2, 2024 Draft Minutes

### Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Call to order & establish a quorum
3. Greeting
4. Opening words and chalice lighting
5. Approve agenda
6. Proposed Amendment to the UUCville Bylaws.
7. Closing words and extinguish the chalice
8. Adjourn

### 1. Introduction.

The Meeting was started by President Pam McIntire at 7:00pm. Achsah Carrier and John Griffith confirmed that all congregants on zoom could hear the meeting. Members confirmed their presence by entering their name in the chat box.

Pam reviewed voting as written in the bylaws, section II.2  
- Any member may vote if present at any meeting of the congregation held at least thirty (30) days after he/she has signed the Membership Book.

Pam: The board has decided that “present” will include being present physically and by Zoom.

We will be voting today on an amendment to the bylaws.

## 2. Call to order & establish quorum

Pam called the meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Charlottesville to order.

Pam: As of August, 2024 Membership stood at 319 members. More than 32 members (10 percent of members) are present and a quorum is established.

## 3. Greeting

Pam welcomed the congregants and we read the Covenant of UUCville together.

In order to create the beloved community we all desire for ourselves, we, the Congregation of Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Charlottesville covenant to:

- Communicate with compassion and respect, especially when we disagree,
- Celebrate diversity and nurture our inclusivity,
- Embrace one another spiritually and emotionally,
- Promote social justice within our congregation and the larger community,
- Generously support the ministries of the church with time, money and enthusiasm, and
- When we have fallen short, lovingly call each other back into covenant.

Pam thanked Rev Tim for running tech, Tammy Wilt for taking minutes, Achsah Carrier and John Griffith for helping with video and phone participation, and John Griffith for being our timekeeper.

#### 4. Opening words and chalice lighting

Rev Leia read opening words, as we lit our chalices.

#### 5. Approve agenda

Pam asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda. There were none.

A motion to approve the agenda as written was made, seconded and approved.

#### 6. Presentation of the Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws.

Pam: The purpose of the special meeting is to vote on a change to our bylaws to meet an IRS requirement that would allow UUCville to be considered for federal tax exempt status as a non profit organization.

The section we need to add to our bylaws is mandated by law for 501(c)(3) organizations in case at some point they dissolve.

To meet this criteria, the proposed addition to the bylaws reads:

Upon the dissolution of the UU Congregation of Charlottesville, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

A motion was made to to accept the amendment as presented.

Pam opened the question for discussion.

Pam explained the need for the amendment.

The motion was seconded and congregants voted by raising their hands.

The motion was approved by a majority vote in the affirmative

## 7. Closing Words and Extinguish Chalice.

Rev Leia read closing words and we extinguished our chalices.

## 8. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was presented, seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned.