

**UNITY CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
Sunday, November 16, 2014  
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Conference Room  
Georgetown, Texas

**ATTENDEES:** Attendees included members and congregants of Unity Church of Georgetown.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm by President Lyn Schroeder.

**PRAYER:** The meeting was opened in prayer by UCOG Prayer Chaplain Donna Sue Weaver.

**QUORUM DETERMINATION:** President Lyn Schroeder read the quorum determination from the UCOG Bylaws that states: *“those members present and voting at a membership meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any membership meeting.”*

**INTRODUCTION OF UCOG BOARD MEMEBERS:** President Lyn Schroeder opened the meeting by introducing the current Unity Church of Georgetown Board of Trustees: Linda Whiteside, Spiritual Leader; Alice Cooper, Vice President; Gwen O’Neill, Secretary; Derwood Crocker, Treasurer; and members at large, Bryan Mitchell and Claudia Robinson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were available for members to read during the Sunday morning church service and the pot luck lunch that followed. Secretary Gwen O’Neill asked for discussion or questions concerning the minutes; no discussion or questions were received. Gwyneth Smith called for a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Betty Clapper and approved unanimously by those in attendance.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Derwood Crocker presented an overview of UCOG’s 2014 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet. Our current fixed monthly expenses (for a four-week month) are \$5,800. The projected yearly net income for 2014 is \$11,787.

Helen Zak asked if our expenses have increased at the Chamber facilities. Derwood said the weekly rent is slightly higher than Williams Elementary but the Board thought it was worth the cost for the quality of the facility and location.

Gwyneth Smith asked if we will have an unexpected income drive this year. Derwood and Linda both stated UCOG encourages tithing year round of 10% of unexpected income.

**MINISTER’S REPORT:** Spiritual Leader Linda Whiteside presented the Minister’s Report. She noted our church has experienced many changes in 2014: we have had a Minister, an Interim Spiritual Leader and a Permanent Spiritual Leader in three locations – Cook-Walden Funeral Chapel, Williams Elementary School and now at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. She also noted churches have size categories: less than 50 attendees is identified as a “family church”; 50 – 150 attendees is recognized as a “pastoral church”. In 2014 UCOG made another transition from a family church to a pastoral church!

Linda asked each congregant to envision our future – what would we like to have happen at UCOG by this time next year? She also hopes to begin some classes now that we are at our new permanent home.

Acknowledgements and thanks were given to those who provide much needed services at UCOG including: the Board; Prayer Chaplains; Events & Activity Facilitators; Ushers; Greeters; Events Table Facilitators; those who bring flowers and food; Equipment Facilitators; PowerPoint Facilitators; Music Team; Sunday School Teachers; Platform Leaders; and Adventures in Faith Facilitators and Hosts.

An overview of the current UCOG website was presented. Everyone was encouraged to write a short two paragraph statement about what our church is and what UCOG means to them. These personal statements will be highlighted on the UCOG website.

Another experience Linda hopes to initiate is a small group meeting after services on Sundays with brown bag lunches so she can get to know each congregant.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT:** UCOG Bylaws revisions were available on line for review prior to this meeting. Gwen O’Neill, Chair of the Bylaws Revision Committee, asked for discussion or questions concerning the revision of the UCOG Bylaws.

Pat Michael expressed a concern with the combination of Senior Minister/Credential Leader. Gwen explained this change was made to accommodate a situation such as we have - no minister but a Spiritual Leader who is pursuing her divinity degree. Pat also had a question about wording in Article 4.1 (*A majority vote of the Board present and voting will be required for the applicant to become an active member.*) Gwen and the Board stated this was a mistake and should have been a red-lined sentence and will be corrected.

Claudia Robinson moved that the revised bylaws be approved with corrections. Pam Braunig seconded the motion and the corrected bylaws were approved unanimously by those in attendance.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Alice Cooper, Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked Claudia Robinson and Bryan Mitchell for serving on the Board the past few years. She then read the qualifications and responsibilities of UCOG Board Members and introduced the two nominees: Bob Lindquist and Carolyn Talamantes. Alice read the qualifications of each candidate.

**ELECTION OF 2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS:** President Lyn Schroeder asked for nominations from the floor and there being none, the slate was put to a voice vote. Bryan Mitchell moved the slate be accepted. The motion was seconded by Trudy Haas and unanimously approved by the membership in attendance.

**ELECTION OF NOMINATING TEAM MEMBERS FOR 2015:** President Lyn Schroeder read the UCOG Bylaws regarding the process for electing member of the nominating team. She then asked for two volunteers and an alternate from the membership. Millie Keith nominated Trudy Haas; Bettie Clapper nominated Millie Keith; and Gwen O'Neill nominated Dick Sutton. Trudy agreed to be the alternate member. There being no further volunteers or nominations from the floor, the process was closed. Chuck Supan moved that the slate of volunteers be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded by Bettie Clapper and approved unanimously by the members present.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Member Bill Carmean asked about key access to the Chamber of Commerce building since it was locked at 9:45 am this morning. Lyn Schroeder advised we have two keys; one in her possession and one in Vice President Alice Cooper's. The building is supposed to be automatically unlocked by the Chamber from 9:30 – 11:00 am each Sunday. Lyn will check with the Chamber to make sure the system is working properly.

**ADJOURN:** There being no other business to discuss, Chuck Supan moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Bettie Clapper and unanimously approved by the members.

The next annual meeting of Unity Church of Georgetown will be held in November 2015 at a date and place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted.

Gwen O'Neill  
Secretary, Unity Church of Georgetown