

**First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati
Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2015**

Call to Order: Board of Trustees President Chris Dendy welcomed the congregation and called the meeting to order at 11:20 am.

1. Explanation of the call and purpose of the special meeting:

Chris explained that the 2015-2016 budget the Board proposed at the May 17, 2015 regular meeting of the congregation was referred back to the Board and the purpose of today's meeting is to consider the new budget being proposed as a result.

Chris thanked the members who formed a Budget Task Force to study the financial situation more closely, consider the congregation's expressed wish to continue to pay Fair Share contributions to the UUA and our region, and to propose a new budget. Members of the Task Force were: Board Vice President Peter Koenig, Board members Lynne Ambrosini and Carly Wise, at-large members Dick Miltner, Ed Rider and Chuck Schneider, Treasurer Tom Cottrill, Finance Committee Chair Dennis Finney, Operations Manager Carrie Spiess and Minister Sharon Dittmar.

The Board accepted the Budget Task Force's recommendations to use reserve funds to cover potential deficits for this fiscal year, with the expectation that the Board and Congregation will figure out how to increase funding or decrease spending in future years.

2. Presentation and Vote on the proposed budget for 2-15-16:

Al Gerhardstein moved and Nick Payne seconded the motion to accept the budget proposed by the Board and recommended by the Task Force. Unanimous approval.

After a period of discussion Al Gerhardstein moved to call the question and Jean Rohling seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

The voice vote to accept the newly proposed budget for 2015-2016 proceeded and no nay votes were heard. The motion to accept the proposed budget carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 pm

Cynthia Heinrich, Board Secretary