

**TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

MINUTES FROM BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Board President, Vivien Mott, called to order the Annual Business Meeting of Unity Church of Christianity, Valley Stream, New York at 12:42 PM. She asked if everyone had received a copy of the Minutes, the Financial Statement and the Monthly Log for 2022. Rev. Charles Foley led the congregation in an opening prayer.

The first order of business was the Roll Call by Burnette Rahmaan, the Board Secretary, who reported 28 members and 3 non-members in attendance. Janie Marie Manigat, AV volunteer, called the roll for the Zoom attendees and shared there were 8 members online and 0 non-members online. The total number of in-person and on Zoom is 39. This number represented a quorum for the transaction of further business.

The second order of business was the consideration of the minutes from last year's meeting which were made available before the meeting and on the church's website. There were no additions or corrections. The President called for a motion to accept the minutes. Eric Greene made the motion and it was seconded by Norris Shears. All were in favor.

The next order of business was the approval of the Log for 2022. There were no additions or corrections. The President called for a motion to accept the Log for 2022. Joan Shears made the motion and it was seconded by Ellen Davis. All were in favor. Ellen Davis was thanked for creating this log.

The next order of business was a report from our accountant, Lori Wilson, CPA. The church did slightly better this year than last year due to fundraising of \$10,000. The regular donations and expenses were about the same as last year. There was a \$35,000 excess of revenue over expenses and there was a financial deficit because of unrealized gain.

There were no questions after Lori Wilson's presentation therefore there was a motion made to accept the Financial Report for 2022 by Rosita Desssours and it was seconded by Eric Greene. All were in favor.

The President introduced Mike Terry, our Investment Advisor, for an update on the Schwab Investment account for 2022. Mike Terry shared that the stock market this year has been lousy due to a number of factors (inflation, increase in interest rates and effects from the war in the Ukraine). On a positive note, the job growth has been promising. Funds in bonds are not growing well therefore some of our fixed income will be moved into the money market because they're paying better dividends. Thus far the church has gained 1/3 of last year's losses.

There were no questions and the President thanked Mike Terry for his report.

This next order of business was a report from Stephen Senior, our IT, Property and Business Manager.

Stephen Senior began his report asserting that the church is in maintenance mode. The property has been updated therefore there are no major issues and no renovations scheduled. As a result, Stephen told Mike Terry he didn't need any money unless the Board had future project plans. The Sunday school students now have tablets.

The President thanked Stephen Senior and invited Burnette Rahmaan, the Nominating Committee Chairperson, to give her report. The nominating committee for 2022 consisted of the following individuals:

Burnette Rahmaan, Nominating Committee Chairman
Rev. Carles Foley, Minister
Joan Shears, Congregational Representative
Norris Shears, Congregational Representative

After canvassing the congregation, two applications were forwarded to the Board of Directors. After reviewing the applications and conducting interviews, they selected the following candidates: Gloria Miller and Joan Shears.

The President thanked Burnette for her report.

All were in favor of Gloria Miller's nomination to the Board for the term of 2023 to 2026. There were all Ayes with no Nays or Abstentions .

All were in favor of Joan Shears' nomination to the Board for the term of 2023 to 2026. There were all Ayes with no Nays or Abstentions

The President presented the new business.

The Minister's Contract Renewal as of March 1, 2023. The Board of Directors welcomes any feedback in writing that the congregation provides. The comments can be placed in a sealed envelope and dropped off in the Book Room or emailed directly to the President.

The current Board of Directors met and in accordance with our By-laws, section 4.07, elected the following officers for the year February 2023- February 2024:

President	Vivien Mott
Vice President	Ellen Davis
Secretary	Brunette Rahmaan
Treasurer	Elaine Rauch
Directors	Gloria Miller & Joan Shears

The President called Rosita Dessources and Eric Green to the platform and thanked them for their service over the past three years. Eric Greene was additionally thanked for agreeing to remain on the Board last year even beyond his three year term.

The President invited the Current Board Members to the platform to join the outgoing members.

The President asked if there was any unfinished business and there was none. A motion was made to close the meeting by Ellen Davis and seconded by Eric Greene. All were in favor.

The President invited Rev Charles to the platform for a closing blessing. The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 PM.