

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship Congregational Meeting 12-11-2016

Meeting began at 11:45

Anastacia Lundholm as President of the Board of Trustees led the meeting and started off by making sure we had enough members present for a quorum. We did with 102 members in attendance.

Anastacia asked by show of hands to introduce the refinance of the BUF mortgage as an item to be voted on. The item was added with only 13 of the required 15 days notice to the congregation. There were no dissenting votes. Beth Nyblade proposed and Michael Brunt seconded. There were a few questions that were answered by members of the BOT Finance Committee and discussion ended quickly.

Anastacia then read the proposal for the placement of a stone at BUF acknowledging these lands as originally belonging to the Lummi people. There were questions raised about whether the Nooksack should be consulted and listed on the stone as well. There was an amendment proposed by Michael Lilliquist to send the wording for the stone back to the Native American Connections Committee with a recommendation to check with the Nooksack tribe and then email the congregation the results for a vote. After much discussion the amendment failed with only 2 people voting for it. The discussion then ended for that item. Beth Nyblade proposed and Lizz Roberts seconded.

The last item on the agenda was a proposal for a congregational statement in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. There was a single comment made in favor and the discussion ended. Andrew Hovenden proposed and Lizz Roberts seconded.

Mortgage passed with 102 yes votes

Stone on BUF property passed with 95 votes yes and 7 no votes

Statement in support of Standing Rock passed with 97 votes yes and 5 no votes.

Anastacia read the results and the meeting was adjourned.

Andrew Hovenden acting secretary for the meeting.