

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF SARASOTA

Special Congregational Meeting – Oct. 15, 2023

Following the regular Sunday service, Board President Bill Payton opened the meeting by confirming that all qualified members present and on Zoom had a ballot and the means to vote on the 2 issues to be addressed by the congregation.

Bill identified Jim Keeney as the meeting's official parliamentarian. Responding to Bill's question, John Yoder reported that 231 members were present or on Zoom prepared to vote, establishing a valid quorum for the meeting.

Bill asked for a Motion to place the first ballot issue on the floor. **Mary Lou Keller made the motion to change the name of our organization to the Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota.** The motion was seconded. Bill asked if members wished to discuss the motion. Hearing no such request, members present and on Zoom were requested to mark their ballots on the motion before them. Bill asked for a Motion to place the 2nd ballot issue on the floor. **John Yoder made the motion to adopt the 8th Principle.** Bill asked if members wished to discuss the motion. Hearing no such request, members present and on Zoom were requested to mark their ballots on the motion before them. The ballots were collected by the ushers for members present and submitted for counting by Zoom participants.

Bill recessed the meeting to await the counting of the ballots.

Rev. Jay closed the meeting by leading the congregation in extinguishing the Chalice. Within 20 minutes, Bill announced to members present in the Courtyard that both Motions presented to the congregation had passed with 81.7% of ballots cast supporting the first motion and 87% supporting the second.

Respectfully submitted,

John Yoder
Secretary