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MAY MEMORIAL UNITARIAN SOCIETY
Syracuse, New York

MINUTES OF THE 135th ANNUAL MEETING
May 21, 1973

Presiding: Betty Moore, President

Present: A Quorum

The meeting was convened at 8:30 p.m. President Betty Moore thanked Audrey Waldman and the Mothers Afternoon Out group for preparing the dessert. The Reverend and Mrs. Ray Nasemann of the Auburn church were guests. Flowers and best wishes had been sent to John Fuller.

Tellers:

Alex Bortoff, Hildegard Vander Sluis and Martin Kronman were appointed as Tellers.

Parliamentarian: Howard Card was appointed Parliamentarian.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 134th Annual Meeting were distributed and approved as corrected, without being read aloud.

Treasurer's Report:

The budget, which had been approved at a meeting on February 4, 1973, with the restriction that the proposed figures be accepted as a ceiling, is currently presenting no problem. The Fund Raising Account (015) stands at \$3472.15 as against a budgeted \$4170. There is an additional \$892.50 yet to come in from the book sale. Last year we had approximately \$15,000 in savings; this year about \$8,000. It was moved by Barbara Dipboye and seconded by David Pies that the Treasurer's report be approved as received. Motion carried.

Minister's Report:

Since Mr. Fuller could not be with us, the President shared with us the things usually covered by the Minister. She reported 35 new members, 7 resigned, 31 moved away, and 1 taken by death, Miss Grace Lewis. Confined: Mrs. Grace Bull, Mrs. Florida Tracy, Miss Kate Rockwell, Miss Evelyn Abel, Mrs. Jane Bartels, and John Fuller.

President's Special Award: The President presented a plant to May Slagle, for her great contribution to our church and for her kindness and helpfulness to the President.

Election of Officers and Trustees:

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of Officers and proposed Trustee members. There were no nominations from the floor for President, Vice President or Secretary. The Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the Officers as nominated.

For Trustees: Joyce Ball, Frank Decker, Barry Dyer and Kathy Lanier were elected for 3-year terms, expiring in 1976;
Rudy Nashan was elected for the 2-year term, expiring in 1975;
Charles White was elected for the 1-year term, expiring in 1974.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment:

It was moved by Kathy Lanier and seconded by Dennis Bourque that the proposed Constitutional amendment for Article VII be accepted. The proposed amendment was read. After discussion, the amendment was unanimously adopted.

(The text of the Amendment)

Prior to the time of the initial employment of each professional staff member, and every three years thereafter, there shall be established a job description contract for said professional staff member. The terms of the contract shall be negotiated between each professional staff member and the Board of Trustees. The selection of each professional staff member and the provisions of the job description contract shall be presented to the Society for its approval or rejection at a meeting called for that purpose or at the budget meeting of the Society.

The Board of Trustees shall undertake a review of each professional staff member on an annual basis and shall base said review in part upon the terms and provisions of the job description contract. At the time of the annual review, items in the contract may be changed by mutual consent of each professional staff member and the Board of Trustees. After said annual review, the Board of Trustees shall report any changes in said job description contract to the Society.

Other Business:

1. Judy Trabert asked if it would be possible to have a special committee consider ways the nominating petitions should be drawn up. This could then be spelled out in the operating manual. President Moore indicated that no guide line could be found anywhere spelling out what a petition should look like, nor how many signatures it required. Mr. Ashley urged that the procedure for nominations be undertaken by the new Board of Trustees.

2. Howard Card requested that the definition of a member also be reconsidered; in particular, the phrase "Has shown interest in the work of the Society during the last 12 months." What does that mean?

Awards Committee:

Certificates of award were presented to the following persons for service of outstanding distinction: Hildegard Vander Sluis, Ruth Baker, Kathy Lanier, Rudy Nashan, and David Kobernuss. The annual award of the Society was presented to Dorothy Wertheimer and to Charles White for their many years of devoted service and leadership.

The Samuel Joseph May Citation was given to Mr. Daniel Ellsberg for his efforts in bringing to the attention of the American public their responsibility in the making of decisions, and stressing that government may not intrude in the rights of individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Vance A. Osborne
Secretary pro tem