

MINUTES

Special Congregational Meeting: May 2, 2021 (Virtual Meeting) First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh

Board Members Attending: Scott Smith, President (2020); Heather Masterson, Vice President (2023); Kyle Gracey, Treasurer (2023); Eleanor Mayfield, Secretary (2021); Lee Carnes (2022); Julie Downs (2022); Sam Hens-Greco (2022); Lynne Porterfield (2021); Kate Snow (2023).

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome (Scott Smith) (12:00)** Scott called the meeting to order.
- 2. Opening Words (Heather Masterson)**
- 3. Introductory Words (Scott)** Scott thanked the Ministerial Search Committee (Chris Beregi, Mary Denison, David Doorley, Brian Junker, Peggy Parsons, Jim Reitz, Michael Safran) and the Negotiating Team (Claus Makowka, Lynne Porterfield, Jim Reitz) for all of their work over the past year. He also thanked our interim minister, Rev. Connie Grant, for her support and everyone else who provided support during Candidating Week. He invited Mary Denison to make a statement on behalf of the search committee and to propose the motion.
- 4. Introduction of Ministerial Candidate (Mary Denison)** Mary said that our church is being offered a magnificent gift. She moved that the congregation call the Rev. Dr. Kate Walker to be the next settled minister (and first female settled minister) of the First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh. The motion was seconded by Nancy Latimer.
- 5. Interlude (Voting)**
- 6. Voting Results (Claus Makowka, Election Manager).** A total of 168 electronic ballots and 6 absentee ballots were cast. The quorum requirement that at least 40% of members (107 members) cast ballots was exceeded. 173 votes were cast in favor of the motion; there were 0 votes against and 1 abstention. The motion is carried with 100% of the vote.
- 7. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Mayfield, Secretary

Approved by the Congregation as amended: May 23, 2021