

East Shore Unitarian Church

Draft Congregational Meeting Minutes

5/3/20

- Call to Order
- Opening Words by Steve
- Opening Words by Dennis
- Description of Voting and Ballot Counting Process
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- Establishment of Quorum
- Action on Motion **“To vote on the Holly House Property sale options”**
- Closing Words - Steve
- Motion to Adjourn

Call to Order: Done by Dennis Fleck, Board President

Opening words from Reverend Steve Furrer: Rev. Steve gave a reading

Opening words from Dennis Fleck: Dennis gave a brief history of our recent congregational decisions about selling the Holly House and what has happened since. He thanked the policy and governance committee for all their work setting up a method for having a meeting and a vote. He reviewed what information is available and encouraged members to review it before voting.

Description of the Voting and Absentee Ballot counting Process if today’s motion on voting for Holly House Passes: Dennis Fleck explained the voting process, how the votes will be counted and that the votes will remain anonymous.

Appointment of Parliamentarians: Mike Radow and Ann Fletcher

Explanation of Roberts Rules of order regarding voting and discussion for today’s meeting:

Done by Ann Fletcher. A motion may be approved by a simple majority at a meeting with a quorum. We will vote using the raised hand feature of zoom. She noted that no unrelated new business may be conducted.

Establishment of Quorum: Mike Radow read the names of all the meeting participants, to ensure that everyone logged into the meeting was counted. A total of 184 attended, so quorum was established.

Motion from the floor: Evelyn Smith moved, and Peggy Phillips seconded, to suspend the rules about discussion, to dispense with discussion.

This was not passed by acclamation.

Discussion about motion to dispense with discussion:

Marcia explained that she does not understand why we are limiting ourselves to two options, and not using multiple listing to get other offers. Dennis explained why the board made that decision.

The question was called and the vote to suspend discussion on the main motion was taken.

Votes: 154 for, 4 against. The motion passed.

Action on Motion - **“To vote on the Holly House Property sale options”**

Discussion: none

Vote: 164 for, 2 against, the motion passed

Closing Words from Rev. Steve Furrer: Rev. Steve gave another reading

Motion to Adjourn:

Evelyn Smith moved, and Mark Norelius seconded to adjourn.

Motion passed by acclamation

Meeting Adjourned at 1:23 PM

Jerry Bushnell
Board Secretary