

**Draft Minutes of the Saturday Oct. 8, 2011 Annual Meeting  
of the Universalist Convention of North Carolina, Inc. (UCONCI)  
held at the Shelter Neck Unitarian-Universalist Camp**

**Attendance**

Present for the meeting were:

**Officers**

Pres. Feryl Masters of UUC Greenville

Vice-Pres. Pete Leary of UUF Raleigh

Treas. Andy Wasilewski of UUFR

Sec. Billy Liles of UUFR

**Trustees**

Carol Simmons of OBUC

David Harvey of UUFR

Debbie Robertson of Community Church of Chapel Hill, UU

Ann Malpass of OBUC

Charlie West of UUF Wilmington

(absent – Pat Tesh of UUCG)

**Delegates**

Robert Stolar of OBUC

Gerald Simmons of OBUC

Marion Hirsch of CCCHUU

Lisa Stolar of OBUC

Carrol Webber of UUCG

Kari Andrade of CCHUU

Art Andrade of CCHUU

Rev. Claudia Frost of OBUC

**Guests**

Nathan Alan Hollister, Eno River UUF (Durham)

Susan Holahan of UU Peace Fellowship - Raleigh

Alexis Capen of UU Church of the Sandhills, Pinehurst, NC

Agatha Buell of CCCHUU

Joseph Reilly of OBUC

Liz Harry of UUCS

Susan Wasilewski of Grove Park UUC – Kinston

**Quorum**

With six of eight congregations represented and nine of ten Executive Board members present, the President called the Annual Meeting to order at 3:50 pm. Unrepresented congregations were

First Universalist Church of Sampson County at Red Hill and Unitarian Coastal Fellowship (Morehead City).

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Oct. 16, 2010 were approved as presented. (There was no quorum at the Annual Meeting of 2009.)

### **Reports from Congregations**

Pete Leary, verbal UUFR

Ann Malpass, written OBUC (scanned and attached below)

Charlie West, verbal UUFW

### **Treasurer's report**

Andy reported that our various funds and investments are at about the amount of two years ago. Also, rental revenue almost matched camp operating expenses. (Figures attached below)

### **Shelter Neck report**

UCONCI hosted a one week middle school summer camp at Shelter Neck this past summer. We also had more rentals this past season than in many years.

Gerald Simmons updated the meeting on tree thinning. We are waiting until the price of pulpwood increases. He also pointed out that some trees between the farmhouse and chapel need to be removed to reduce hazard.

We need to replace a refrigerator and freezer in Dix House. It was moved and seconded that the board pursue this purchase. The motion passed.

### **Constitution**

Feryl asked for a second vote to confirm the adoption of the new constitution. The old constitution required a vote at two consecutive annual meetings to adopt amendments. It was moved and seconded that the new constitution be confirmed. The motion passed.

### **Election of officers and trustees**

Ann moved, and Lisa seconded that the proposed slate of officers and trustees be re-elected.

The following officers were elected for the 2011-12 term:

Feryl Masters (UUCG), president

Pete Leary (UUFR) vice-president

The following officers were elected for the 2011-13 term:

Andy Wasilewski (UUFR), treasurer

Billy Liles (UUFR), secretary

The following trustees were elected for terms that expire in 2014:

Deborah Robertson (CCHUU)

Elizabeth Terry (UUFW)

The following trustees will continue to serve for terms that expire 2013:

David Harvey (UUFR)

Pat Tesh (UUCG)

The following trustees will continue to serve for terms that expire in 2012:

Carol Simmons (OBUC)

Ann Malpass (OBUC)

### **Report from UUA-GA**

Susan Wasilewski gathered extensive notes from GA participants which Billy will publish on our website.

### **New member congregations**

Two congregations applied and were voted into membership in UCONCI, the Unitarian Universalist Peace Fellowship (UUPF) of Raleigh and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Sandhills (UUCS) in Whispering Pines.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Annual Meeting of UCONCI is set for Oct. 12 - 14, 2012 at Shelter Neck UU Camp. The program theme will be "All Our Generations Making the World a Better Place". Keynote speaker will be Rev. Cheryl Walker of UUFW. Hopefully, a concurrent children's and youth choir festival will occur.

### **Kinston Fund**

Gerald Simmons reported that the current balance of the Kinston Fund as of Sept. 30 is \$380,000. Two trustees of the fund have been replaced. The new members are Charlie West of UUFW and Christopher Nichols of UUFR. The fifteen-year time limit on the fund comes on November 2011.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy Liles, Secretary

Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2011 18:35:45 -0700 (PDT)  
From: A M Wasilewski <[andywasamw@yahoo.com](mailto:andywasamw@yahoo.com)>  
Subject: [Uconci-board] The... rest of the story

I promised at the Annual Meeting to get fund balances to the board as soon as possible. So:

Vanguard	\$99,167.29
Ariel	80,003.20
Domini(10/16)	11,411.58
Total	190,572.07

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**Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church**  
**Report to the Universalist Convention of North Carolina, Inc**  
**October 8, 2011**

membership  
29

Harvest Sale  
47500

Shelton Neck  
Church Retreat  
Labor Day

The members of Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church have been busy and active this year. Rev. Claudia Frost has just completed her second year as our settled part-time minister. We are very fortunate to have Claudia as our pastor, leader, and friend. Claudia preaches two Sundays each month and we have both guest speakers and lay services on the remaining Sundays.

We have many volunteers who keep activities going at Outlaw's Bridge. Our website, [www.outlawsbridgechurch.org](http://www.outlawsbridgechurch.org), is kept current by Peggy Jones, Newsletter Editor is Gene Peacock, and our newly elected Moderator is Joseph Reilly. Our only paid position besides Claudia is our talented musician is Jimmy Merritt.

This past year we designated fifth Sunday collections for various non-profit organizations in our communities. This year included donations to Duplin County Habitat for Humanity, Kitty Askins Hospice Center Chapel in Wayne County, Honor Flight of Southeastern NC and ADLA - A Lot of Direction, Love and Affection - a local organization offering direction for youth and meals for those in need.

At our annual meeting we adopted a new missions statement - Our Mission is to welcome all to grow with us in love, spirit, and wisdom - enriching lives through compassion, service, and fellowship; and changed our committee structure to four Ministry Teams - Worship and Religious Education (Worship and Lifespan Faith Development), Hospitality and Membership (Practical hospitality of greeting, welcoming and membership activities), Finance, Building and Grounds (Stewardship of our resources - financial, church and parsonage buildings, grounds, and cemetery), and Outreach and Service (Communication with wider community, denominational affairs, social action and service).

Our programs continue to be numerous and varied. Each Sunday, Sunday School is held for everyone at 9:45 a.m. with a devotional followed by adult and children's Religious Education classes. During the past year, the Adult RE has been an ecology study using David Anderson's **Treading Lightly**, followed by Bart Ehrman's **Lost Christianities**, and presently Barbara Wells **Articulating Your Faith**. Our youth used the UUA curricula **Amazing Grace**. This fall they began **Gather the Spirit**. The preschoolers enjoy a story time.

Member Barbara Grady tutors English-as-a-second language classes at the church two nights a week, church members volunteer to keep the community library open one night a week, and we participate in the North Carolina Adopt a Highway road-side pick-up. We are presently working on our Green Sanctuary status.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual UCONCI Love Feast to be held on December 11, 2011 at the church. Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. and Candle Lighting Service at 6:30. This earlier time is for the convenience of families with school-age children. Rev. Frost will do the service with Jimmy Merritt providing special music.

Ann Malpass, Deacon  
Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church