Minutes

Membership Circle meeting, 1/21/22

Present: Martha Nichols, Marie Bjork, Phyllis Thayer, Amy Teel

**Membership requirements**

There has been some confusion about membership requirements, so we discussed the wording of the membership commitments that we ask of people. We changed the wording to be more inclusive and welcoming. We will ask to change the wording in the bylaws when they are revisited this year. The new wording is:

I commit to do the following as a member of the INUUC:

1. To embrace and practice the UU principles and the INUUC covenant
2. To give of my time and talents in ways that bring me joy
3. To abide by the INUUC Bylaws

When Phyllis and Marie talk to new members individually, they will discuss pledging with them. **Amy** will change the membership article in the weekly newsletter to reflect the new wording.

We need to get the bylaws onto the website so we can give potential new members a link to them, since we can’t ask people to abide by bylaws unless they have the opportunity to read them. **Amy** will send her July 12, 2021 copy of the bylaws to Scott and ask him to put it on the public part of the website.

**Phoning members to verify or update contact information**

We will attempt to call all of our members to verify mailing and other contact information, ahead of sending out membership renewal cards this spring. **Amy** will sort the membership list by address so we can make only one call per address, with a column to check off those who are contacted. **Marie,** **Martha,** and **Phyllis** will make the phone calls over the next two months or so. **Martha** will write a brief article to let people know the calls are coming, which **Amy** will put in the newsletter.

**New members**

We discussed the four new members who are in the membership process. **Marie,** **Phyllis,** and **Martha** will contact them at the appropriate stages.

**Member verification for the UUA**

**Marie** will help Linda Moulder with this.

Minutes submitted by Amy Teel