Minutes for the UUC Special Congregational Meeting on November 13, 2022 at 1:00 pm via ZOOM

1. **Call to Order, Appointment of Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Tellers; and Confirmation of Quorum**
   Chuck Harwood, Moderator, welcomed all and called the Zoom meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Kathleen Cromp, President of the Board of Trustees, shared a reading from Bryan Stevenson and its pertinence to the consideration of the proposal for UUC to host Tent City 3. The Moderator recognized individuals performing official duties for this meeting: Eric Valpey (Parliamentarian); Jim Thompson (Teller); Mike Kasprzak (Secretary); Patricia Graesser (managing Chat); with special thanks to staff - Byron Krystad, Jessica Monahan, Janine Larsen and the Operations team for helping this with logistics in this meeting.

   The Teller reported 111 in attendance, meeting the quorum requirement of 43 [10% of eligible membership].

   The Moderator reviewed logistics on meeting participation including the use of polls to vote and asked all to read the polls to ensure they know what they are voting on; use of Chat for posing questions; and use of Robert’s Rules. The Moderator reviewed the agenda, including: Approval of minutes from the congregational meeting on June 12, 2022; questions and answers regarding the proposal to host Tent City 3; a motion for an advisory vote regarding the hosting of Tent City 3; closing remarks by the Rev. Jon Luopa; and adjournment.

2. **Approval of the agenda**
   The Moderator called for the motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. The motion was made, seconded and with no discussion requested, passed with 111 votes cast, all YES, and no objections or abstentions. The simple majority requirement was met.

3. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the June 12, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting**
   The Moderator called for the motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 12, 2022. The motion was made, seconded and with no discussion requested, passed with 111 votes cast: 106 YES, no objections, and 5 abstentions. The simple majority requirement was met.

4. **Questions and Answers regarding the possible hosting of Tent City 3**
   Meeting participants were introduced to the panelists who would first be responding to pre-submitted questions and then any additional questions submitted during this meeting: The Rev. Jon Luopa; the Rev. Beth Chronister; Dave Mentz; Sallie Dacey; and Kathleen Cromp. Panelists answered 21 questions on a wide range of topics and concerns, such as: logistical matters relating to hosting Tent City 3; feedback from neighbors, local businesses, and Temple Beth Shalom; insurance implications of hosting; additional services for tent city residents and opportunities to engage with them; and what the congregation might do to address the root causes of homelessness.
5. **Motion to endorse hosting Tent City 3**  
   The Moderator called for the motion, "As an advisory recommendation, the congregation supports the proposal to host Tent City 3 in the UUC parking lot for ninety days in the spring of 2023." The Moderator and panelists emphasized the advisory nature of the motion (i.e., not a pass/fail motion), with final authority for the decision whether to host resting with the Rev. Jon Luopa. The motion was made and seconded. Discussion of the motion followed.

   The motion was approved with 143 YES votes, 4 NO votes, and 2 abstentions. The vote totals included 122 votes cast in the poll of meeting participants [118 YES, 2 NO, 2 abstentions] and 27 absentee votes cast [25 YES, 2 NO]

6. **Closing remarks**  
   The Rev. Jon Luopa noted that when we rewrote our governing documents, we had to strike a balance of head and heart. We have struck a similar balance today. Gratitude goes to the Tent City 3 team for educating us so ably on the implications of hosting Tent City 3. This is only the first of three phases, with phase 2 being when Tent City 3 happens, and phase 3 being what happens next - to be determined.

7. **Motion to adjourn**  
   The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded, and approved by a show of hands, with 63 YES votes and no objections or abstentions. The simple majority requirement was met.

   Recorded & submitted by Mike Kasprzak