

**Minutes of the Congregational Meeting  
Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church  
January 22, 2012**

Becky Brandt welcomed members in attendance and presented an agenda for the meeting

The meeting was officially called to order by Becky Brandt, Board Chair, who reported that 98 members were present so the quorum requirement had been met and exceeded.

Rules established following Roberts Rules of Order, parliamentarian is Tom Griffin

Interim Building Project Presentations were presented:

Stage: Al Robbert (in place of Jeanne Gayler)

Kitchen: Tamara De La Camp

Commons: Doug MacCleery

The floor was opened to questions:

Motion on the table: "I move to authorize the Meeting House Improvements Committee, under supervision of the Board of Trustees, to manage construction of a new stage."

Linda Davidson offered a substitute motion: "postpone consideration of the stage until an alternate ADA ramp can be considered." Seconded: Tony Barkume

Discussion on the substitute motion followed.

Vote: 14 in favor; 84 not in favor. Motion did not pass

Return to original motion: further discussion followed.

Vote: motion carried with majority.

Al Robbert: presented motion: "I move to authorize the Meeting House Improvements Committee, under supervision of the Board of Trustees, to manage remodeling of the kitchen."

Vote: motion carried with high majority

Al Robbert: presented motion: "I move to authorize the Meeting House Improvements Committee, under supervision of the Board of Trustees, to manage expansion and remodeling of the Commons."

Vote: motion carried high majority

Absentee ballots were tallied:

- Construction of a new stage: 53 in favor, 9 opposed
- Remodeling of the kitchen: 61 in favor, 1 opposed
- Expansion of the commons: 49 in favor, 13 opposed

Becky Brandt, adjourned the meeting

Minutes submitted by Rev. Kate Walker