

Unitarian Universalist Church at Washington Crossing
Board of Trustees
268 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road
Titusville, NJ 08560



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - [APPROVED](#)
8/3/25

*****NOTE: AD-HOC MEETING TO DISCUSS ANONYMOUS GIFT****

Multi-Platform Meeting

Co-Presidents Bob Alt & Chris Marietti called the multi-platform Ad-Hoc Board of Trustees meeting to order at 11:35 AM. Also in attendance: Vice President Karen Kent, Treasurer Denny Rodgers and Secretary Michelle Zechner; Trustees: Bob Busch, Patty Mikes, Wendy Stasolla, David Thomas, Senior Minister Rev. Kim Wildszewski Excused: Director of Congregational Life Robin Pugh, Congregational Administrator, Marilyn Gonzalez, and Assistant Minister Lisa Schilansky,

Co-President Bob Alt presented the reason for this Ad-Hoc Board Meeting. An Anonymous Donor has offered a restricted gift to improve the sanctuary lighting and install a new microphone. Bob A. noted that this will entail extending wiring for the lighting, installing 4 new pendant lighting fixtures, microphones, and a specialized 14 foot ladder to access the lighting fixtures.

The restricted gift will cover the cost of the wiring, fixtures, ladder and labor for installation. There was discussion about potentially making changes to the chancel during this process as there may be funds remaining which the donor may be willing to apply. Trustees discussed the potential for including a ramp during this construction to allow access to the two chancel levels without using the steps and to improve accessibility.

After discussion, the Board decided that it was not ready to vote on the proposal for increasing the size of the chancel, running of wiring underneath the chancel, and adding accessibility ramps/railings to the chancel. The Board would like to see the proposal, schematic and full cost estimate for these improvements before moving to a vote. This is in part to understand the path forward to include accessibility in the plan even if it's unable to be funded at this time. Additional information will be requested about the proposal from the congregant who supplied the initial proposal.

A vote was raised to approve the sanctuary lighting proposal. The Board unanimously approved the sanctuary lighting proposal, contingent upon confirmation that the lighting installation would still be appropriate and different installation plans would not be needed once the chancel is enlarged, if at a future date. It was also agreed that if it was economically beneficial – and also installation plans would not need to be altered once the chancel is enlarged – that the

installation of the hanging microphones above the choir and piano areas are approved and could be installed on similar timing as the lighting.

.Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zechner

Secretary, Board of Trustees