

Unitarian Universalist Church at Washington Crossing

Board of Trustees

268 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road
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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2017

Marianne Alt, president, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Also in attendance: Board members Ed Dobrowolski, Nathalie Edmond, Patrick Kahney, Lynne Quinto, Pam Shadzik (process observer) John Ueng-McHale, Colin Unsworth, Rev. Kim Wildszewski and DLRE Robin Pugh (timekeeper). Pete Rafle was out of town.

Consent agenda

Lynne moved to accept the consent agenda. Pam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Lynne noted that the books on 2016-2017 will close at the end of July. There were no questions.

Selection of Vice President and Board Secretary

Marianne Alt nominated Pete Rafle to be Board Vice President and Ed Dobrowolski as Board Secretary. Pam made a motion to approve and Patrick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Vision Task Force Cottage Meeting Update

Rev. Kim provided an update on the Cottage Meetings. There is some concern about the low attendance at the meetings. She urged the Board Members to attend one of the Cottage meetings. The Task Force may schedule more. There was discussion concerning the sequence of the Feasibility Study and the Congregational vote to proceed with the Capital Campaign.

Racial Justice Initiative

Nathalie presented the plans for the upcoming year.

The high level categories are:

1. Education
2. Building Bridges
3. Service
4. Self-Assessment

The plans include using the assessment developed by the Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Action Alliance (Appendix A. *The Racial Justice-Rooted Congregation: An Assessment Model*). The next meeting of the Racial Justice Initiative is August 6. The board requested regular updates on the initiative.

Pam moved and John seconded the following motion: The Board enthusiastically supports the implementation of *The Racial Justice-Rooted Congregation: An Assessment Model* and encourages participation of a broad cross-section of the Congregation.

Intern

Rev. Kim will deliver a sermon about our Intern and our responsibilities as a teaching Congregation on Sunday, July 16, 2017. Susan Flynn will serve as our Ministerial Intern from August 13 to May 2018. A member of the Congregation will provide housing.

Robin's Sabbatical

Robin reported that her sabbatical will be January 20 to May 20 2018.

She has coverage for each Sunday that she is away when a different member of her Sabbatical committee will serve as the DRE. In addition to self-enrichment, Robin will be visiting the RE programs of four Congregations one of which will not be a UU Congregation.

Service Time Change

Rev. Kim requested that the Board consider changing the start time of the first Sunday service from 9:15 AM to 9:00 AM. One of the reasons is to allow time between services for a new path to membership program called Faith Forward. She gave a brief overview of the program. It was agreed that the change would impact the choir, ushers and greeters and worship associates.

Ed asked a series of questions about the possible reaction of the Congregation. The board postponed the decision until the next meeting.

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session for approximately ten minutes.

House Keeping

- A new Poll will be sent to find an agreeable date for the Board Retreat.
- Patrick agreed to write an article for the next Cross Currents issue on the perspective of a new member of the Board of Trustees.
- Members of the Board updated contact information.
- Photos are needed from the new members for the bulletin board.

Adjournment and next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM. The next meeting will be on August 9 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Dobrowolski

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Secretary, Board of Trustees