

East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

March 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:11 P.M. on March 9, 2014, at East Shore, the Board Chair presiding and the Secretary being present.

Present: Dick Hurwitz, Dan Waite, Dan Bond, Kaaren Biggin, Kristine Bowers, Rochelle Luckwitz, Jason McCann, Pat McGovern and Halcyon Domanski.

Absent: Mary Bender and Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner.

Guests: Dale Luckwitz.

Kristine Bowers performed centering with a reading.

Agenda Changes / Early consideration:

New Business

1 – Blog Proposal

Dale Luckwitz, currently Chairperson of the Newsletter, discussed a proposal to create a blog to provide a platform for members and friends of East Shore to discuss their views on a variety of topics that are not particularly appropriate to the newsletter. The blog would be moderated (Dale and others would monitor content before publishing it) and would not, at least initially, allow comments. See attached.

Dan Bond made a motion that the Board approve Dale Luckwitz to move forward with development of the East Shore Blog. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Dan Bond to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2014 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Pat McGovern read a letter from Donna Van Boxel thanking the Board for it's condolences and the flowers at her father's funeral. (attached)

Reports:

A – Chair:

Report is attached.

In addition, the minister and the Board Chair request that whomever is doing announcement please read them as they are written.

To help with the temptation to edit “on the fly,” announcements will be limited to 250 words per item. The announcement slip will be revised to note this limit and indicate that longer announcements may be edited.

B – Minister:

Report attached.

C – Religious Education

Report attached.

Rochelle and Halcyon checked with Teri Detar, since she often offers a spaghetti dinner as an auction item, and she is fine with the youth offering that as an auction item this year.

D – Membership Committee

Pat McGovern reported that Membership will be offering orientation classes on March 23 and March 30, 2014.

New Member Welcome Ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 6, 2014 and there will be a coffee hour reception for the new members.

Membership Committee is planning on holding the Pancake Breakfast on Father’s Day, June 15, 2014 this year.

Membership now stands at 201 members.

E – Treasurer’s Report

March 5 Report attached.

F – Financial Secretary’s Report

Report attached. Numbers are current through February 20, 2014.

G – Finance Committee

Deferred.

H – Stewardship Committee

Posters are up. The theme for the campaign will be “We are the Church!”

Stewardship will kick off March 16, 2014.

I – Transition Team

No report.

J – Developmental Minister Search Committee

Report attached. Should be hearing from Keith Kron of the UUA soon with a candidate.

K – Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is commencing their work to find candidates for all Board positions for the coming year. All members eligible to serve a further year have indicated they are willing to do so.

Unfinished Business (resumed)

1 – Special Collections Fund

Discussed what to do about the Treasurer's findings in his Special Collections investigation (attached addendum to February 16, 2014 Treasurer's Report).

Jason McCann made a motion that monies shown in Paragraph 2 be kept in the general fund and not allocated to the apparent recipients at this time. This motion was seconded. After discussion the motion was withdrawn by Jason McCann without objection.

A motion was made by Kristine Bowers to pay the apparent recipients in Paragraph 2 as they appear in the February 16, 2014 Treasurer's Report. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Dan Waite that the \$293.65 identified in Paragraph 3 Section C be put into the board discretionary fund, while the items from Sections A and C be handled by journal entries as suggested by the Treasurer. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

2 – Open Committee Chairs

Social Justice Committee is still looking for a Chairperson.

3 – Entry Security

Tabled.

4 – Blue Sky Concert

East Shore will sell alcoholic beverages and snacks during the Blue Sky Concert on March 29, 2014.

The church will pay the cost of the permit. NEOMHA will be responsible for the cost of law enforcement personnel in conjunction with the permit.

NEOMHA will procure the alcohol to be served but will expect to be reimbursed by the church.

New Business (resumed)

2 – Financial Review Committee Report

Attached.

A motion to accept the Financial Review Committee Report as prepared was made by Dan Waite. The motion was seconded and approved with one abstention.

3 – District Assembly

An appeal was made to Board members to attend the Ohio-Meadville District Assembly on March 28 and 29, 2014 in Erie, PA. The assembly will be held jointly with the St. Lawrence District. Board Chair Dick Hurwitz will be a delegate. Halcyon Domanski will also be attending in her capacity as DRE but not as a delegate.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McGovern, Board Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Centering: Rochelle Luckwitz

Monitor: Jason McCann

Attachments:

Board Chair Report

Minister's Report

R.E. Report

Treasurer's Report, March 5, 2014

Treasurer's Report, February 16, 2014

Financial Secretary's Report

Board Action Plan – February

East Shore Unitarian Church "Financial Review" for Fiscal Year 2012-2013