East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 11, 2016

Attendance: Dan Bond, Kristine Burkwood, Bill Butler, Halcyon Domanski, Tiffany Griffith, Kathleene Huntley, Dick Hurwitz, Pam Leininger, Rev. Denis Paul, Nancy Tozer, Eric Waldman

Guests, Shirley Hairston, Finance committee
Jan Hurwitz, Care Committee

The September meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Board Chair Nancy Tozer

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. There were two corrections.
Dick made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Tiffany seconded. The motion passed.

Reports:
Chair: attached. Nancy reports that the notes from the board retreat will be coming.

Minister: attached

DRE: attached. Halcyon reported that all teachers are in place for this RE semester
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Membership: We still need a Membership chairperson. Pam reported that the Membership Committee will continue to meet and that basic membership tasks are being covered. Our membership stands at 165.

Treasurer: attached. The Giant Eagle bill is our largest outstanding bill at the moment. It will be paid when funds are available.

Financial Secretary: attached. At this time we are slightly ahead on our income to expenses ratio. We cannot expect this to last since we are operating on a deficit budget.
Finance: Shirley Hairston, Finance Chair, reports that the committee is reviewing expenses searching for places we can save. They are looking at the areas of mowing, snow plowing, insurance, paper, and worship services.

Committee On Ministry: Our fourth and final value workshop will be held after the Halloween soup lunch.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Emergency Preparedness:** We need a group to work with the Police Department on the preparation of a building evacuation plan.

Nancy made a motion to establish an emergency task force to provide members with information on emergency evacuation procedures. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Rev. Denis and Tiffany will head this task force.

2. **Night at the Races**: We still need a chairperson for our Night at the Races fundraiser.

3. **Kitchen:** Our kitchen chairs Carole and Marten are satisfied with the idea of not continuing to license our kitchen. Dan will check the books to see when the last licensing fee was paid.

4. C**ontact information: T**here was a suggestion that the membership committee keep a contact sheet with the membership book so that each new member can give their contact information when they become a member. Pam will bring this up for discussion at the membership meeting.

New Business

1. The Annual meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2017.

2. Care Committee Chair Jan Hurwitz presented the concept of a more inclusive method of providing care within our church community and suggested that the Care Committee be called Walking Together. There would be a facilitator to organize needs and send out information and requests as needed to elicit help for those needing services that are now provided by the small group on the Care Committee.

Discussion followed.

Dan made a motion to set up an Ad Hoc committee made up of members of the present Care Committee pursuant to the task of defining the church's mission of how we care for one another in our congregation. They may label themselves as they think appropriate. Dick seconded the motion. The motion carried with 8 ayes and one abstention.

3. We have a proposal to implement a text communication system at East Shore. **The proposal is attached. Nancy made a motion to go forth with the implementation of this proposal. Dick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

4. Dick described a consortium of churches that will provide green renewable energy and suggested that we become a part of that consortium. Renewable energy sources are more expensive than nonrenewable sources but this consortium can provide the renewables at a lower cost albeit not lower than nonrenewable ones.

Discussion followed. Can we afford to pay for renewable energy with our limited budget?
It is within our mission as a church to be green.

Eric made a motion to allow us to become a part of this consortium that is to be formed and that Dick Hurwitz will be our connection to this consortium. It is understood that Dick will not profit from this connection. Dan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Chris Derus has agreed to help with the building committee but will no longer be named as chair. We need a chair for the Building Committee.

6. Revision of the language of the board covenant is tabled.

7. Bill suggested that we change the recipient of one monthly loose offering from Holden Arboretum to The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, citing several reasons why the museum's mission goes hand in hand with UUA's 7th principle.

Discussion followed.

Dan made a motion that we make a change in our scheduled designation of one monthly loose offering from Holden Arboretum to The Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Eric seconded. The motion carried

8. Ruth Troup has agreed to lead our 20017 Stewardship Campaign**.** A newer member will be sought to work with her.

9. Each member of the board received a copy of our policy regarding disruptive behavior for review.

Welcome Schedule

Oct. 2 Pam Leininger

Oct 9 Eric Waldman

Oct 16 Nancy Tozer

Oct 23 Dick Hurwitz

Oct 30 Tiffany Griffith

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 9,2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Leininger, Board secretary