

East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

October 12, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:16 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2014, at East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, the Board Chair presiding and the Secretary being present.

Present: Jason McCann, Justin Simons, Pat McGovern, Kristine Burkwood, Dick Hurwitz, Maggie Calkins, Mary Bender, Halcyon Domanski, Rochelle Luckwitz and Rev. Denis Letourneau Paul.

Absent: Nancy Tozer.

Guests: Lynne Killgore, David Michel and Ron Prosek.

Rochelle Luckwitz read an excerpt from a work by Jeanne Harrison Nieuwejaar for centering and the chalice was lit.

Accelerated Items:

Unfinished Business

3 – HVAC System Work Update

The new HVAC unit has been ordered and Royal Heating is awaiting delivery from Lennox to arrange the crane needed to install. It should be in place in the next few weeks.

New Business

1 – UUJO Proposal by Ron Prosek

Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio (UUJO) is having its initial organizational and informational meetings. UUJO was created because Ohio Meadville District and Heartland District both split the State of Ohio and also include numerous members outside the state as well making it difficult to organize around state issues. UUJO will only include congregations in Ohio that wish to be involved in social justice issues.

The concept was born out of the Standing on the Side of Love movement. The organization will include youth and young adult events. Membership dues are currently \$1 for every member of the congregation that wishes to join. Current year dues have been donated by a member of the church should the Board approve joining UUJO.

A motion was made by Jason McCann and seconded that East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church join Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio and beginning with the next fiscal year add a line item in the budget for dues to the UUJO. After brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Mary Bender to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

Reports:

A – Chair:

Report attached.

The list of members who have not made a financial contribution of record to the church and who the Board should remove is nearing readiness. It should be less than 20 members total when presented to the Board.

B – Minister:

Report attached.

C – Religious Education

Report attached.

D – Membership Committee

Membership currently stands at 203.

E – Treasurer

Report attached.

F – Financial Secretary

Report attached.

G – Finance Committee

The Finance Committee would like to see a brief income/expense summary included in the Beacon or otherwise communicated to the congregation regularly. This may help raise awareness of the church's ongoing financial needs.

H – Transitional Committee on Ministry

Met last month and has been meeting Rev. Denis regularly. The committee is currently discussing precisely how to evaluate our developmental minister.

Unfinished Business

1 – Open Committee Chairs

The Social Justice Committee is still without a Chair.

2 – Entry Security

Discussion tabled.

4 – Communications Committee Proposal

See attached report.

The Communications Task Force proposes that a new committee structure with a Communications Committee enveloping existing committees such as Webmaster, Newsletter and Publicity should be formed. Discussion centered on the fact that standing committees need to be approved by the full congregation and that the full structure of the proposed committee has not yet been developed. The Communications Task Force should continue as an ad-hoc committee until such time as a Communications Committee by-law change is readied by them and passed by the congregation.

5 – Board of Trustees Photos

Tabled.

6 – New Decorating Policy

Tabled.

7 – Gift/Donation Acknowledgement

No further discussion needed at this time.

New Business

2 – Member Removal

Discussed briefly during the Chair Report, the task force assigned to determine members who should be removed from the active membership list due to the July 2013 by-law change is almost ready to present their list to the Board. It was brought up that any Board action must be done in the near future in order to have any impact on membership-based dues the church pays to UUA or OMD in the coming year.

3 – Approaching the Congregation Regarding Financial Issues

A motion was made by Jason McCann to move into Executive Session to review the discussion of the Executive Session of September 28, 2014 with members who were not present. The motion was seconded and passed. The Board entered Executive Session at 12:59 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 1:05 pm.

A motion was made by Mary Bender to approve a Capital Fund Drive and an ad-hoc committee to plan and execute the fund drive. The motion was seconded.

Discussion centered around the facts that given recent unexpected expenses regarding the HVAC system in the church, and given that the Board has been told to expect further expenses regarding the HVAC system as well as the parking lot and other potential major facility maintenance costs in the future, a Capital Fund Drive is felt to be needed to absorb these costs going forward and avoid further budget issues.

The motion passed unanimously.

4 – Small/Affinity Groups

Tabled.

5 – Donations to the Community Meal

Ideas were discussed to increase member donation and participation in the bi-monthly community meal organized by Rose Bouch.

6 – Annual Meeting

After consulting the church calendar, a date of Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 12:15 was set for the Church Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McGovern, Board Secretary

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 12:15
 Meeting to take place at the home of Maggie Calkins.

Centering: Mary Bender

Monitor: Maggie Calkins

Attachments:

Chair Report

Minister's Report

R.E. Report

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary's Report

Communications Task Force Report