

# **East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church**

## **Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting**

**November 9, 2014**

The regular meeting of the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:36 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at the home of Maggie Calkins in Kirtland, the Board Chair presiding and the Secretary being present.

**Present:** Jason McCann, Dick Hurwitz, Maggie Calkins, Nancy Tozer, Rochelle Luckwitz, Kirstine Burkwood, Rev. Denis Letourneau Paul, Pat McGovern and Halcyon Domanski.

**Absent:** Mary Bender and Justin Simons.

**Guests:** Sharon Waite, Lynne Killgore and Dave Michel.

In place of Mary Bender, Rev. Denis Paul gave a reading for centering and a chalice was lit.

### **Secretary's Report:**

*A motion was made by Maggie Calkins to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2014 Executive Session as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Jason McCann to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2014 special Board Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.*

*A motion was made by Nancy Tozer to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2014 regular Board Meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.*

### **Reports:**

**A – Chair:**

Report attached.

Minister Start-up weekend will take place December 12 and 13, 2014 with Evin Carvill-Ziemer. Evin will likely be in the Sunday service on December 7 rather than December 14.

**B – Minister:**

Report attached.

**C – Religious Education**

Report attached.

**D – Membership Committee**

Marten Schreiber, Maurea Landeis and Emily Murphy participated in the New Member Welcome Service. Emily had joined near the beginning of the year but we had too few participants for a spring welcome service.

Membership currently stands at 204.

**E – Treasurer**

Report attached.

**F – Financial Secretary**

Report attached.

**G – Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee would like to have board authorization to join the AmazonSmile program in which people shopping on Amazon.com may opt to have 0.5% of their purchase donated to the charity of their choice. East Shore must submit an application and bank information in order to receive any funds from this program.

*A motion was made by Pat McGovern for East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church to join the “AmazonSmile” so we may accept donations through their program. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

A brief discussion was held about whether there is a need to acknowledge a recent generous donation by a member to the community meal. The board asked for more information about the express wishes of the donor.

St. Pauly Textile is concerned about the performance of the clothing drop off box they placed on our property earlier this year. They have asked our permission to 'promote' it locally themselves. No objections were raised and no formal action was found to be needed.

## **H – Transitional Committee on Ministry**

Report attached.

## **I – Capital Campaign**

We are still searching for a chair and accepting ideas/nominations.

Board members and Finance Committee members will begin discussing the need for such a campaign informally with members of the congregation to develop congregational awareness of the need.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **1 – Open Committee Chairs**

The Social Justice Committee is still without a Chair.

### **2 – HVAC**

The new unit has been installed and is functioning. The first ⅓ of the amount has been paid with the 2nd ⅓ of the amount payable imminently. There are no issues with the payment schedule.

### **3 – Membership Maintenance**

Per Article 4 of the Bylaws, the Board has received a report of the review of the membership rolls. Following the recommendations of that report:

*A motion was made by Dick Hurwitz that per Article 4 and Article 5.5.5 of the Bylaws, the following members be removed from the membership list: Laura Black, Alisa Boles, Dorothy Kusold, Diane Molchak, Terri Pilarczyk, Nancy Robison, Rory Layton, Xiayi Layton, Bree Byrd, Meegan Cox, David Cox, Karen Galloway, Wayne Garner, Rhonda Austin, Kimberly Morgan, Betsy Pomeroy, Barbara Ruhlman, Robyn Selent and Bill Selent. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

Membership now stands at 185 members.

### **5 – Board of Trustees Photos**

Tabled.

## **6 – New Decorating Policy**

Tabled.

## **New Business**

### **1 – Earliest Members**

Sharon Waite, Chair of the Membership Committee, in reviewing the membership rolls of East Shore marvelled at the people who have been members for nearly half a century or even longer. She had an idea that we might honor them. Rev. Denis felt that folding this into plans for the 60th anniversary celebration coming in 2016. An ad hoc Anniversary Celebration Committee will be formed by the chair and the minister to coordinate events in the coming year leading to our landmark anniversary.

### **2 – House next to East Shore property**

The home next to East Shore owned by the Bergstroms is about to go on the market. The family has approached East Shore about our interest in acquiring the property. The board asked the Finance Committee to investigate the particulars and what options may be open to the church regarding this potential opportunity.

### **3 – New Minister Startup Weekend**

New minister startup weekend will be December 12, 13 and 14 with Evin Carvill-Ziemer. Friday, December 12 will involve the whole congregation from 7-9pm. Saturday, December 13 will involve the leadership of the congregation (board, committee chairs and others involved in or interested in leadership) from 9-5. Sunday will involve a wrap-up with a service led by Evin. Evin may actually lead the service on the prior Sunday rather than the end of the weekend. Jason and Rev. Denis will get the word out to the congregation.

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McGovern, Board Secretary

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 12:15 at East Shore.

Centering: Maggie Calkins

Monitor: Dick Hurwitz

Attachments:

Chair Report

Minister's Report

R.E. Report

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary's Report