

UUSMC Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Notes
March 15, 2016

Attending: Mary Pat Knauss, Bruce Koepcke, Tracy Morgan, Larry Stomberg, Judy Pappenhagen, Rev. Greg Pelley, MQ Riding

Absent: Ivonne Antongiorgi

The meeting began at 7:00pm

Chalice lighting and spiritual in-gathering Greg
Rev. Stafford, writing in *the Nation*

1. Reflective reading discussion Greg

Greg asks the question to us all: Where do you find hope and how does it show up in your life?

2. Healthy Congregations Greg & Team

- *The team that attended the Healthy Congregations Workshops for UUSMC consists of: Judy P., Maggie McLaughlin, Kathie Stamm, and Linda Lucero*
- *We all participated in an exercise, to help us understand that congregations are systems and each part counts in that system*
- *Anxiety – Response to Change – Managing Conflicts*
- *Those were the main themes of the programs with the concept of getting to a Goal of ‘right relationship’*
- *It was determined that Healthy Congregations is a good workshop and we are considering a way to sprinkle it throughout our congregation*

3. Approval of February minutes Mary Pat

February Board Minutes are approved and distributed

4. 2016 Board goals All

a. RE MQ, Tracy, Larry, & Greg

- *Report distributed to congregation*
- *Straw goals have been sent to Greg and he'll work through them with Stef, with a goal to have them fleshed out by next board meeting*
- *Greg and Stef put together a proposal that addresses how do you develop programming for fluctuating attendance?*
- *Opt in courses 6-8 weeks on an off day – Sunday's community building*
- *Spring and an autumn age of reason program is possible*
- *Senior High School (listening to our lives)*

b. Strategic Planning Judy, Tracy

- *DNA Report – distributed and the meeting will ensue*
- *Tracy 'volun-told' (that's our new word for the month) the team into tapping other leaders to participate – Greg to generate a list of names for the team to use to tap*

5. Treasurer's report Bruce

- *On track to meet the budget (budgeted \$25k shortfall)*
- *Now considering budgeting to cost which includes a line by line assessment of the cost*
- *Considering a two or three year planning projections using scenarios to help members visualize possibilities – There was a robust discussion on making sure we continue with our strategic planning and use these scenarios as a tool –*

- *We will also consider a way to educate our members on methods of giving - e.g.: including a white paper insert in the pledge mailing*

6. Minister and Staff reports

Greg

- *Andy Levin resigned as communications chair Vicki Tosh-Morelli stepped in*
- *Terri Lavin resigned as RE Chair*

7. Miscellaneous

a. Stewardship Campaign

Greg

Will coincide with the April theme for the month

b. Annual Meeting Agenda

Mary Pat

5-22-16

c. JPD Conference

Mary Pat

Tracey & MQ and Greg are attending and Tracy will ask Bob Broesler and Adam Kegley too, if they have interest

d. *Bruce asked to discuss: Putting a sign on the outside of the building – communications committee has come up with some ideas and they would like to have a booth at the Service Auction to explain some concepts and have a survey for folks to voice their opinions and support*

e. *Discussed the Solar Panel Report provided by Jamie Kegerise and Fran Loeffelholz. It was accepted as a fine and balanced report.*

- *Mary Pat will ask a few members if they are willing to work on the next phase of getting bids on the panels and ask for a small team to lead the 'socialization' of the concept to the membership.*

- *This decision must go to the membership for a vote – making the timeline for this program very condensed*

Spiritual closing

Greg

Respectfully submitted in Secretary, Ivonne Antongiorgi's absence,

MQ Riding

