

UUSMC Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2017

Attendees: Judy Pappenhagen, Michele Cavanaugh, David Bonner, Steve Selph, Helen Springer, Rev. Greg Pelley

1. Spiritual Opening/Reading/Discussion: “What is to give light must endure burning” Victor Frankl
2. Minutes of Board Meeting, 9/21/2017 approved
3. Generosity Campaign: Fellowship Dinner and kickoff for our 2018 Generosity Campaign scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. The evening will include a Chili Cook-Off, entertainment, and a little UUSMC business. Childcare will be available. Greg and Judy are putting the final touches on a generosity call letter to be forwarded to members.
4. Membership (Board Goal #1): Twenty-two people have joined UUSMC in the last two months. The Membership Committee (led by Maggie McLaughlin) really needs more participants to help with tasks associated with bringing new members fully into our community. Topics discussed included continued participation by the Board in membership issues, management of visitor and new member badges, and the eventual rollout of REALM (congregational management software). Also, David Pyle will be preaching at UUSMC on Nov 12. His topic will be “change.”
5. Solar Panel Project: A contract for installation of the solar panel system is in hand. Our fundraising for the project is still short approximately \$700. Pending a positive internal review of the contract and rebate clarification, the Board authorized (Michele motioned, Steve second, all in favor) Judy to sign the contract for the congregation. Installation should be accomplished this winter.
6. Minster’s Report Highlights:
  - a. Worship service and RE attendance continue to increase.
  - b. As mentioned above, 22 people joined in the last two months. Because we in the congregation have all kinds of embedded norms and expectations that may not be explicit, it would be helpful to share our norms openly with new members of our community.
  - c. Greg plans to offer both The Listening to Our Lives and Shared Pulpit courses again in the late winter, early spring 2018.
  - d. Taste of Mill Creek (October 15) was well attended and captured lots of new energy. Several committees added new members. We will consider making this an annual event, perhaps the Sunday after Ingathering.
  - e. Karen Rege is reorganizing the Adult Religious Exploration programming. A congregational survey has been offered and several people have given their feedback and ideas through that tool.
7. RE-Imagineers: A “Settling in and looking forward” Meeting with Terry and Pat Infante (UUA Congregational Life) has been tentatively scheduled for Dec 2.

8. Board Goal #2 Policies and Governance: Judy, Helen, and David will take for action.
9. Board Goal #3 Communication: Tabled
10. Other Items:
  - a. Minister's Evaluation is due November 1: Judy, Seetha, and Steve will take for action
  - b. Safe congregation: Tabled
  - c. Service Auction: Overall leadership is needed. Judy will schedule an after-church meeting in November for info sharing to discuss elements of the auction and enlist support.
  - d. HVAC maintenance contract: John Springer (Building and Grounds) requested funding for HVAC inspection and maintenance of church systems with an annual cost of approximately \$600 to \$800. The Board approved a one-time action. Details to be worked out between Greg and John. Full details of arrangements and work to be performed will be shared with the Board.
  - e. Holiday Party: Possible "Yankee Trade" event in early December. David will follow up.
11. Closing Reading and Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Helen Springer, Secretary