

UUSMC

Board of Trustees Meeting

February 16, 2016

Present: Mary Pat Knauss, Judy Pappenhagen, Bruce Koepcke, Tracy Morgan, MQ Riding, Ivonne Antongiorgi, Rev. Greg Pelley

Excused: Larry Stomberg

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Rev. Pelley initiated the meeting with the lighting of the Chalice and spiritual in-gathering.

1. Reflective Reading

The Board members shared their views on a reading provided by Rev. Pelley, "Perhaps the World Ends Here" by Joy Harjo.

2. Approval of January Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the January meeting.

3. 2016 Board Goals

RE – The results from the RE Task Force – Appreciative Inquiry will be distributed to the congregation and posted on the church's website.

Strategic Planning – The Leadership Gathering on February 13 had a good turn out with 22 people attending. Participants engaged in a process of discerning their individual values and beliefs. The main, core values of the church continue to be discovered through this process. Members are asked to test these values (whether lived or aspirational) by observing where and how they show in our congregation.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Finance Committee continues to track the budget. Increasing the operating revenues through pledges is a priority.

An "Equities" account has been created to hold stock gifts as an accounting mechanism to deal with these funds until they are sold.

The Committee is developing a "Strategies for Giving" program to provide the congregation with a broad spectrum of options to give money to the church. These include pledges, planned giving, and project giving.

5. Minister's and Staff Reports

Rev. Pelley and Stephanie Anderson, DRE, attended the Safe Congregations Workshop on February 6. The implementation of this policy is viewed incrementally with the goal of attaining a 'best practice' designation given the church's context and resources.

Rev. Pelley will follow-up with the Social Justice Committee to review ways to enhance the communications about Souper Bowl Sunday to visitors and new members.

6. Miscellaneous

Stewardship Campaign – The planning and design of the stewardship campaign is under way for the Spring. A narrative budget, line-item budget, and timeline are in progress.

Annual Meeting – UUSMC Annual Meeting date was set for May 22.

JPD President's Roundtable – The UUA is re-organizing from 19 independent Districts to 5 Regions. This reorganization had been proposed to create a unified regional staff and to offer more support to the individual congregations. Congregations can send delegates to the JPD Conference on April 8-9 in York, PA when voting on the new structures will take place.

RE Chair, Hospitality vacancies – Terri Lavin has stepped down as the REC Chair. Linda Pugh and Joanne Hartline are stepping down as Hospitality coordinators, effective at the end of May.

Chalice Lighter Ambassador – Laura Bonner has volunteered to be our Chalice Lighter Ambassador.

Rev. Pelley closed the meeting with a spiritual reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ivonne Antongiorgi
Secretary
Board of Trustees