

UUSMC

Board of Trustees Meeting

January 19, 2016

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

Excused: Larry Stomberg

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Rev. Pelley lighted the Chalice and guided a spiritual in-gathering.

1. Reflective Reading Discussion

The board discussed the reading shared by Rev. Pelley "For One Who Is Exhausted".

2. Approval of December Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

3. 2016 Board Goals

- a. RE Task Force – There was discussion on the summary report submitted by the RE task force. Following questions from the board, the committee will edit the report and present revisions for board approval at the February meeting.
- b. Strategic Planning – Meetings and conversations with the membership are going well. Discussion will continue at the Leadership Gathering on January 23 at 9:30 a.m. The intent is to engage leaders and members of the congregation in discovering the church's DNA. Given the weather forecast, a snow date is scheduled for February 13.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Finance Committee reported year-to-date financials show the church's gross revenue exceeded expenses by \$7,000 in December. This was due to two large anonymous gifts to the church.

At the Board's request, the Committee will study the development of a "Strategies for Giving" workshop, potentially in May.

The Committee is also studying Qualified Charitable Distributions as possible options for paying pledges for those who qualify, are IRA owners, and want to make a tax-free charitable contribution.

5. Minister and Staff Report

Safe Congregations Workshop – The workshop will be held at First Unitarian Church on February 6. Rev. Pelley and Stephanie Anderson, DRE, will be attending.

Social Action – Rev. Pelley will approach the Social Justice Committee to address the process for handling the church's involvement in social justice issues.

Stewardship Campaign – Planning on a narrative and pledge campaign for the spring is underway.

Solar City – An option to have Solar City incentive strategy for solar panels was not considered desirable for the church.

Inclement Weather procedure – Rev. Pelley and Mary Pat Knauss will determine the need to cancel services and close the building. Cancellations will be communicated to the congregation on the website, facebook, and email. Members can also tune in to Snow Watch on the radio, WDEL 1150 AM and WSTW 93.7 FM.

Music Report

A motion to purchase the music license from ASCAP as recommended by the Music Director was approved. An extra amount of \$199 against the music budget was authorized to cover this expense.

6. Miscellaneous

Rev, Pelley and Mary Pat Knauss will complete the UUA Certification Questionnaire by February 1.

The Service Auction is scheduled for April 16.

Discussion of the Annual Meeting was deferred until a later date.

Rev. Pelley closed the meeting with a spiritual reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivonne Antongiorgi