

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
Minutes of the January 15, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Attendees: Tina Guerrette, Mary Pat Knauss, Mike Hilgart, Matt Doty, Brenda Levin, Susan Klugerman

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

The minutes of the December meeting were circulated electronically and approved by the board in advance of this meeting.

1. Mary Pat opened the meeting with a reading on the future of liberal religion in today's society, particularly the importance of the transition from tolerance to ecumenism.
2. Treasurer's Report and discussion
  - a. The budget shortfall projections have dropped to \$13,500 due to 2 new member pledges, increases in existing pledges and higher than average Sunday contributions.
  - b. The Finance committee is in favor of the "Sunday Brunch" option for the kickoff of the pledge campaign. There are a few catering vendors being considered. Costs run in the neighborhood of \$1000-1500. There is no line item for this in budget. Jamie has already raised \$500 in pledges towards these costs. **The board approves allocating an additional \$500 to the fundraising account (code 6370) to support this event.**
  - c. Our cleaning service has recommended stripping and re-waxing the sanctuary floor. This is often treated as an annual maintenance item, but funds were not budgeted this year. The current quote is \$500. **The board approves moving forward with the stripping and waxing in the spring.** The budget lines to be used to finance this will be identified when the bill comes due.
3. Strategic Planning Coordinating Committee report
  - a. Mary Pat presented information on the forum for enabling a congregational-wide conversation about our mission, values and vision. The committee recommends an "all-church conference" style, which Paul has used effectively at other congregations.
  - b. This "all-church conference" is scheduled for the weekend of March 15-17 with specific times to be announced shortly.
  - c. The board reviewed the communications plan for the strategic planning process and all-church conference.
  - d. **The board approves a \$500 budget for a dinner and lunch associated with the all-church conference.**
4. The discussion of the draft policy for creating a committee on the ministry is deferred until Paul is present.

5. An NA group with approximately 25 members is interested in using the sanctuary for a weekly Thursday evening meeting. The board feels strongly that enhancing our engagement with the community in this form is part of the congregation's mission. The board is concerned about the possible impact on the community music school and its students, who would be present at the same time. Susan will explore alternative schedules that could work for the NA group.
6. The board received a request from a non-member who would like to access the members-only section of our website. This members-only section contains, among other things, the member directory with personal phone numbers, postal and email addresses. To protect this sensitive information, the board decided that no non-members will be provided access to this section of the site. The board will ask the webmaster to move non-sensitive information, including the Grist, to the open access part of the webpage.
7. The membership committee received a request for a congregational vote on a possible item for inclusion on the agenda of the next annual gathering of the UUA. Because the results of the congregational vote would have to be sent within a very short time window and little information on the proposed issue is presently available, the board elected to abstain from this vote.
8. The membership committee submitted a list of 19 names (individual and couples) to be purged from the membership roles. Donna has tried to contact all of these people several times and by several means, with no response. The board approves removing these names from the official membership.
9. Upcoming events:
  - a. The JPD district assembly is scheduled for April 12/13 at UD Wilmington Campus, 2700 Pennsylvania Ave.
  - b. A Leadership council meeting has been scheduled for February 4.
  - c. The annual meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 19. The May board meeting has been moved to Tuesday, May 14.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19.