First Unitarian Board Meeting –June 16, 2016



Board Members Present:

Joan Pederson President-Elect Kris Barker Secretary

Margot Horn Jim Proctor Joan Staples

Finley Campbell Alternate

Others in Attendance

Rev. David Schwartz

Rev. Teri Schwartz

Joanne Michalski

Co-Minister

Treasurer

Christine Harrell

The meeting began at 7:12 pm with Chalice Lighting, opening words by Joan, and checkin of the members of the Board of Trustees.

I. Treasurer's Report

1. Board Resolution

Dennis Koehn

Jim moved that First Unitarian Church be allowed to establish and maintain accounts with E*Trade securities. The First Unitarian Society of Chicago shall comply with the E*Trade Securities Customer Agreement. Joanne Michalski, Treasurer and Kristina Barker, Secretary shall be approved as authorized persons for the account.

Margot seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Cash in checking was \$32,000 at the end of the month. We should have enough cash to carry us through the year.
- 3. Breaking even this year depends on pledge payments and an insurance payment of \$12,000.

II. Congregational Survey

- 1. Arianna developed the survey with feedback from Board Members and Dennis Koehn. Arianna is making further revisions. But due to just having given birth to her daughter and preparing for a move to Oregon, she was not able to have the final draft ready in time for the June board meeting.
- 2. Kris moved that the Board approve the survey to be sent to the Congregation at the end of month without review of the final draft.
- 3. Jim Seconded.

4. Motion passed.

III. Sponsorship of Alan Hardin for UU Ministry

Congregational sponsorship is a necessary requirement by the UUA for anyone seeking candidacy for the UU ministry.

Board approval is required for our congregation to sponsorship a UU Minister. Several board members praised Alan for his dedication to our church and movement over the decades. All were impressed by his thoughtful written application.

- 1. Joan moved that the board approve sponsoring the candidacy of Alan Harden for UU Ministry.
- 2. Margot seconded.
- 3. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Draft of David's MFC application

David has one final evaluation by the Board due to the UUA's Ministerial Fellowship Committee on July 1. Joan P, Kent and Kris are working on the draft now.

1. The first draft will be sent to Board Members by June 24 and will require all feedback by June 27 to stay on target.

V. Communications and Membership Committee Update

Margot thanked the Board Members who helped with food last Sunday. The Membership Committee is a key committee to the health of the congregation. Membership is the responsibility of the entire congregation.

New Communications Committee has 3 members. They are starting to get organized. They will have two workshops in July about recommended changes and review their process. At these meeting they will encourage feedback from the congregation. One key component to their work is how best to information members and friends about events and important topics and are reviewing internal and external communication options.

VI. Capital Campaign Consultant Search Committee

The Committee has interviewed three potential candidates- all of which are highly qualified. The committee will review their proposals over the next two weeks and hope to have a recommendation to the Board by the July meeting.

VII. By Laws Update

The Board approved the proposed revisions of the finance bylaws but they were not voted on at the annual meeting because congregation needs to see and ponder them before the vote. The vote on the revision will be in the fall.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes from May
 - Finley moved that the minutes of the May Board meeting be approved.
 - Joan Staples seconded the motion.
 - The motion carried.

2. Ministers' report

- Ministers met goals for the year for worship.
- Committee on Ministry held its final meeting at the end of May.
- Next year Teri and David will work with the Board to develop a Board-owned evaluation process.
- Religious education moves forward as planned finishing out the year and moving into the summer schedule.
- David will take a four-night retreat in Madison this month.
- Teri and David will attend Ministry Days at GA at the end of the month.
- Teri has right knee replacement surgery on June 30.
- They will back in the pulpit September 4th leading the Labor Day Service.

IX. Preparations for Church Year 2016-2017

Joan thanked those members who are leaving the board including Arianna, Joan Staples and Finley Campbell.

- Meetings will be held in July, August and a Saturday retreat is planned as well.
- The retreat date will be announced soon.
- Joanne will continue as Treasurer.
- Kris stepping down as Secretary and the board is looking for a new volunteer.

X. Approval of a Fourth Delegate for GA

Finley moved to appoint Marie Cobbs as our fourth delegate at GA this year. Joan S seconded.

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm with Closing Words from Joan.