



First Unitarian Board Meeting –October 10, 2015

Board Members Present:

Arianna Lambie	President
Joan Pederson	President-Elect
Kris Barker	Secretary
Margot Horn	
Kent Richmond	
Jim Proctor	

Others in Attendance

Rev. David Schwartz	Co-Minister
Rev. Teri Schwartz	Co-Minister
Joanne Michalski	Treasurer

The meeting began at 7:05 pm with Chalice Lighting, opening words by Jim Proctor, and check-in of the members of the Board of Trustees. We reviewed the Congregational Covenant.

I. Board Project Updates

Each person responsible for Board Projects gave an update of progress to date, including End of Year goals, timeline and **RASCI** tables. Presentations included the following:

1. Bylaws- Joan Pederson
2. Leadership Training- Jim Proctor
3. Membership- Margot Horn
4. Fundraising- Joanne Michalski
5. Strategic Planning- Kris Barker

II. Vote for the formation of the Strategic Planning Committee and Chair

- Joan P. motioned for the establishment of the Strategic Planning Committee
- The motion was seconded by Kent
- The motion passed.

- Arianna motioned that Kris Baker be nominated as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- The motion was seconded by Kent
- The motion passed.

III. Fenn House Proceeds- Congregation Involvement

Board reviewed Arianna proposal for Congregational involvement in the discussion of the allocation of Fenn House proceeds.

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1. First Series of Meetings-October 25 and 29
 - i. Brainstorming Ideas
2. Special Board Meeting- October 2
 - i. First draft of proposal for Fenn House Proceeds
3. Second Series of Meetings- November 8 and 12
 - i. Board presents proposal to Congregation
4. Regular Board Meeting- November 19
 - i. Trustees will review congregational feedback and revise proposal
5. Special Congregational Meeting- December 13
 - i. Vote on the Board of Trustees' proposal for the allocation of Fenn House Funds

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from September
 - a. Joan moved that the minutes of the September Board meeting minutes be approved as amended.
 - b. Kent seconded the motion, which CARRIED.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Joanne is monitoring cash carefully. She will be sending out pledge statements this week, which should help cash flow.
 - b. The Endowments Accounts saw a drop of \$79,000 compared to 7/31/2015 due to the market fluctuation.
3. DRE's Report
 - a. The RE budget is very tight once again this year. We now have less than a \$1,000.00 for the rest of the year for supplies and material support.
 - b. We had an average Sunday attendance of 22 children from Sept. 13 to October 11. That is the same average as last year at this time.
 - c. Coming of Age- Throughout the year, the youth will have monthly meetings that will culminate in a service in spring.
 - d. Wish List- The Amazon wish list link went out on the weekly email blast and the Order of Service. Follow Laura's name on the link. Laura also has a wish list for UUA books that are not on the Amazon site.
4. Minister's Report
 - a. Teri and David have met with Jeff to begin a conversation around what the Christmas Eve service might look and feel like now that the

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Children's' Choir is no longer participating.

- b. Crypt work- Teri and David have been working with the Crypt Committee to put the Crypt records in order. We have been storing nine (9) urns that have been unfunded for final internment. It was determined by the Committee and the ministers that those urns should be placed into individual niches.
5. Announcements
- a. Pins- All Board Members should place the gold pins on their names tags to identify themselves as Board Members on Sunday Mornings.
 - b. New renters- we have a couple new music teachers renting space in our RE classrooms at night during the week.

V. Give A-Way the Basket

The Social Justice Task Force recommended to the Board of Trustees that the next quarterly recipient of the Give A-way the Basket be The **South East Environmental Task Force**. This recipient will receive funds from the Give A-Way Basket for the next quarter: October, November, and December.

- a. Joan P. moved that The South East Environmental Task Force be the recipient of the Give Away the Basket for the 2nd Quarter of the church year.
- b. Kent seconded the motion, which CARRIED.

V. Vote on New Board Member, Beverly Bennett

- a. Kent moved that Beverly Bennett be approved to fill the remainder of Ed Loomis' term as trustee. The term ends June 2016.
- b. Jim seconded the motion, which carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm with Closing Words from Jim Proctor.