

**First Unitarian Church of Chicago
Minutes of January 18, 2018 Board Meeting**

Trustees Present:

Joan Pederson	President
Jim Proctor	Vice President
John Eatinger	
Christine Harrell	Alternate
Joe Harrington	
Margot Horn	
Dennis Koehn	

Also Present:

Rev. Teri Schwartz	Senior Co-Minister
Rev. David Schwartz	Senior Co-Minister
Thom Thomas	Student Minister
Beth Moss	Director of Religious Education
Julie Larson	Secretary

Joan called the meeting to order at 7:00. Christine offered opening words and lit the chalice, followed by check-in by all present

Board meeting agenda started at 7:20.

1. RE Report by Beth Moss

Beth reviewed the RE report. Also working on the OXFAM hunger meal to teach about disparities in income, which will also fund raising.

The motion to accept the report by Joe, seconded by Margot, was unanimously approved.

2. Nominating Committee: Kris Barker will be unable to continue in her function on the committee. Joan asked for names as an ad hoc recruiting team. Dennis and John, or if necessary Christine, will be recruiting one to two people for the committee, depending on whether Lisa Christensen Gee's available time, with that of the new appointee and continuing member John Saphir, will be sufficient for the committee's work.

3. Financial Issues:

All financial issues were presented by Joan.

Auction has a tentative date of April 7. The auction will no longer include physical items, focusing instead on experiences. Bidding increments will be changed to \$5 minimum.

There will be three separate auction sections

- Sign-up auction, each item with a set price and a fixed maximum number of participants
- Silent auction, successive bidding yielding a single winner for each item
- Live auction, featuring the 8-12 items likeliest to yield the most active bidding and the highest return

Each board member was asked to line up 4-5 items for the auction.

Finance Committee (formerly Investment Committee): The committee is working minimally with people not showing up. The Board needs to find new people to reinvigorate the group, including people who can work up budgets.

Endowment Update: There have been issues with the passwords on the E-Trade account. If this cannot be resolved soon, it may be necessary to move the endowment to an account that is easier to access. Joanne Michalski is clearing up the password issues, which may resolve the problem. But as of now, money that should have been transferred to provide operating income during the first half of this church year has not.

Review of Balance Sheet and Operating Income and Expense Statement.

4. Annual Meeting: Meeting will be May 20, 11: 30 AM

The motion to accept by Margot, seconded by Joe, was unanimously approved.

5A. Capital Campaign: Motion was made to authorize accounting and funds for the Capital Campaign.

The motion by John, seconded by Joe, was unanimously approved.

Break 8:30-8:38

5B. Capital Campaign Jim and Teri reported that Jim and Lisa Christensen Gee have recruited are 7 of 8 vice chairs for the Campaign Leadership Committee. The church-wide Visioning Retreat will be held 8:00 am-3:00 pm on a Saturday, January 21 for discussion of what items the congregation raised as most important during last spring's feasibility study: membership growth and the condition of the building.

Dennis: Add historical points, building costs, maintenance costs to the discussion

David: With the biggest benefactors to the church being older members, what is needed to offset the potential loss as they pass on, and, if the average pledge drops, how will the church compensate?

6. Membership Coordinator: David reported that phone interviews with the 6 final candidates will begin the week of January 22, with a hire at the end of February.

7. Denominational Affairs: February newsletter will have info about nominating delegates.

Joan discussed the process of nominating delegates and whether there should be sanctions on past delegates who have misrepresented themselves at the UU General Assembly. The board cannot retroactively apply the new misrepresentation policy.

The full group participated in discussion of a prospective motion to be acted on at the February meeting and distributed before then.

8. Consent Agenda

Ratification of vote by poll to establish a Ministerial Internship Committee and appoint its members: Nan Hobart, Chair; Amos Biggers; Paloma Delgadillo; Linn Orear; and David Puskiewicz.

The motion to accept by Joe, seconded by Christine, was unanimously approved.

Minutes

The motion to accept the November 2017 minutes as written, made by John, seconded by Margot, was unanimously approved.

Amendments to the Minister's Report for December were listed.

The motion to accept the December 2017 minutes as amended, made by Jim, seconded by Joe, was unanimously approved.

Minister's Report

Teri discussed pastoral care and full worship schedule.

Student Minister's Report

Thom handed out his report.

Closing words by Christine

Meeting ended 9:45.