

UUFCM Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

UUFCM Board Covenant

As members of the UUFCM Board of Trustees, we covenant to keep the best interests of the congregation at heart and to carry out the trust placed in us as guardians of the Mission and the Principles and as stewards of the resources of our church. We commit to:

- Be prepared, present, prompt, and to participate.
- Communicate respectfully; all will be heard and we will seek consensus.
- Use discretion in communications beyond the Board.
- Support the decisions and policies of the Board.

UUFCM Mission Statement: To be a religious community guided by love transforming our lives and our world.

Present: Annette Pratt, Laura McBride, Scott Daigle, Carol Rard, David Macleod, Vicki Chessin, and Dawn Daniels (absent: Janis Shinn)

1. Light Chalice @ 6:38PM with Dawn reading meditation from *Book of Awakening* by Mark Nepo.

3. Consent Agenda

Minutes of April 10, 2016 Board meeting received – with corrections
Treasurer Report received
Social Justice Coordinating Team Report received
RE Team Report received
Minister's Report not received
Worship Team Report – did not meet this month
Congregational Life Ministry Report received

4. Discussion Agenda:

New business:

1. Luncheon May 15th after the Annual Meeting – the Board will organize a congregation-wide communal lunch to follow the Annual Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, spreading if necessary into the green room. A sign-up sheet will be circulated after service this coming Sunday by Annette to assure a balance of foods.
2. Annual Meeting Planning:
 - Meeting to be held after worship on May 15th in Sanctuary.
 - Special Volunteer Recognition: In 2014 we recognized Chris Bauerle, Kris Los and Susan Powers. Last year we recognized Gisela Moffit, Joyce (for Restoration House leadership) and the Transition Team: Norma Bailey, Joyce Henricks, Laura Frey and Jim Dealing. It was decided to this year honor Beth Macleod with special recognition...executive committee may yet recommend additional honorees...
 - Board Member Slate of Nominees: President elect: open, Co-treasurer: Chris Bailey with the assistance of Ricky Courlander, Board Member-at-large: 2 year term: Janis Shinn and 1 year term: Brigitte Bechtold.
 - General Assembly representatives and 2 member delegates will be solicited.
3. Endowment Discussion and Legacy Planning – Vicki recommends we move ahead with opening an endowment fund with the UU Common Endowment Fund: Vicki will forward the links to the UUCEF and Legacy Programs to the other Board Members for

- their review. Dave and Scott will explain that this investigation is underway at the Annual Meeting. The congregation will be given the opportunity to visit the links, ask questions and make comments. The Board plans to make a decision by September 2016.
4. Midwest Leadership School – In the interest of ongoing leadership development the Board plans to undertake special fund-raising with the goal of sending two people to the weeklong, intensive Midwest Leadership School in the summer of 2017 (need ~\$1880.00 for two adults to attend) If the fund raising efforts net additional funds, we will consider sending one or two of our youth to the youth program.
 5. Old Business:
 1. Stewardship: The conclusion of this year's Stewardship Drive resulted in 40 pledges totaling \$96,720.00 pledged. (less than \$400 short of goal) The proposed budget totals \$97,150.00. This is very close and with the difference negligible, the Board decided to move ahead with the proposed budget as presented and request a vote of support without cuts at the Annual Meeting.
 2. UUA General Assembly is June 22-26th in Columbus, OH. – Early registration is over. Registration for any further participants will be \$405.00
 3. The Board voted to offer \$400 to each of the two appointed UUFCM delegates and \$250 to defray the cost for up to 3 additional attendees. This will use essentially all the \$800 for registration/travel expensed budgeted for 2015-16 and 2016-17 however given the proximity of this GA it is hoped there will be more people attending this year than most. At the next Fellowship Life Meeting on May 8 we will explain and encourage people to consider attending GA. GA will be promoted at both the next Fellowship Life Meeting May 8 and the Annual Meeting, May 15.
 4. Contract for Anna VanArsdale Hoot – received. It will be updated by reference to the RE issues defined in our policy book.
 5. Black Lives Matter Banner – We support the Black Lives Matter movement and have been studying issues around this with our common reads this year. Our “Black Lives Matter” banner should also in some way reference “Standing on the Side of Love” with words and/or the logo. This will be discussed with the congregation with strong Board support to design and purchase this banner to be displayed on the Wisconsin or University side of the building. “We support Black Lives Matter” – We may need Plexiglas over the stained glass window over the front door, if the banner is placed on the University side between the columns.
 6. Proposed Budget – no changes needed – The Stewardship Drive concluded within \$400 of the proposed budget. The difference is negligible.
 6. Updates/ Announcements:
 1. Board tickler for May –A) finalized budget proposal and annual meeting plans – done B) Board appoints 2 Delegates to GA C) Treasurer to send out reports to the congregation regarding their personal pledge standing for the year-to-date and a reminder the fiscal year ends June 30.
 2. June tickler – A) Invite the new board members to the June Board meeting once they have been elected B) Treasurer informs the Membership Chairperson which members have made no donation of record thus far this year so Membership Chair can contact those individuals regarding their situation and intentions. C) President and minister will update employee contracts for the coming year, discuss them and have them signed.
 3. **Fellowship Life Meeting Topics:** A) Reminder re Annual Meeting and pass the community meal sign-up sheets. B.) Discuss GA opportunities for members and friends

to attend and recruit members to be Delegates. C) Clean-up Day = May 14 sign- up.
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

Next UUFCM Board Meeting will be June 12, 2016 at UU Center at 6:30PM: the new Board
Members will be invited to attend.

Minutes submitted by Vicki Chessin, secretary.