

UUFCM Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 18, 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: Chris Bailey, Norma Bailey, Brigitte Bechtold, Vicki Chessin, Laura McBride, Annette Pratt, Janis Shinn, and Dawn Daniels (Scott Daigle absent)

1. Lighted the Chalice at 6:40 PM. Dawn read “One Thousand Ideas – One Idea”.
2. Welcome and check in
3. Consent Agenda – all reports were approved with no Board votes required.
 - Minutes of August 14, 2016 Board meeting – received with corrections by Norma
 - Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of 9/18/16 - received
 - Treasurer Report – no report this month
 - Social Justice Coordinating Team Report – received
 - RE Team Report – received
 - Minister’s Report – received
 - Worship Team Report-no report – no meeting this past month
 - Congregational Life Ministry Report – received
4. New business:
 - A. Treasurer’s items – Explained the special circumstance for which Ricky took the offering to count during the service. This is not intended to be a routine procedure.
 - B. New handbooks were disseminated and extra copies provided for Team Leaders and the Building Coordinator. Examples of forms have been added, but there are a few more to go in. It was decided that the President-Elect will be the “keeper of the master” Board Member’s Handbook and record all changes, additions and deletions for the next version.
 - C. Synthesis of retreat visioning led by Dawn - Visioning will be part of each Board Meeting. At our Retreat last month four major focus areas were defined. Each needs to be explored further.
 1. Expand our racial justice work –
 - a. We will deepen our Racial Justice work within the congregation by utilizing a curriculum on white privilege from the UUA or another source to be determined. We need to consider if we shall become a designated site for “Showing Up for Racial Justice”
 - b. We will strengthen and renew our commitment as a Welcoming Congregation by focusing on transgender issues this year. We are committed to an all congregation retreat about transgender issues set

for January 21, 2017.

- c. Norma and Dawn will work with the Social Justice Coordinating Team to create a calendar for films/discussions and other events.
- d. We may explore the need for a site for community LGBT middle and high school teens to gather.
- e. This year's Common Reads will start with that of the UUA: The Third Reconstruction, by Rev. Barber and may include Cultivating Empathy: Worth and Dignity of Every Person by Nate Walker.
- f. Consider some films with discussions rather than all books.

- 2. Deepen our understanding of a Covenantal UU Community** – worship focus for November. – members will be aware and show up.
- 3. Continue to broaden and improve internal and external communications.** Why do others not know what is going on? People need to understand that being mindful of what is going in the community is a responsibility of each individual who is part of any Covenantal group.
- 4. Endowing our Legacy – creating a legacy mentality.** We need a team to flesh this out.

D. Discussion regarding the term of the presidency was delayed until Oct. meeting.

5. Old Business:

- 1) Audio visual needs-Scott and Dawn – delayed to October
- 2) Endowment and Legacy follow up-Scott – delayed to October
- 3) Status of website updating: we still need by some teams - RE, Social Justice Coordinating Committee and Worship Team in particular - to update their portions. Liaisons are to remind the team leaders.
- 4) Social media in-service is planned for this fall for all interested congregants. . Laura is asking Susan Powers to help with this.

6. Updates/ Announcements:

- 1. Board tickler for September and October: Final setting of church calendar is done. Harvest Feast is set for Sunday, November 20, 2016 and Gisela will reserve the annex at the library.
- 2. Fellowship Life agenda for Sunday, September 18 will include the presentation of a hymnal to Dave Macleod, share the UUFCM Handbook and identify the location of one for common access, reminder of the Black Lives Matter meeting on Sept 27, 2016 and our own BLM Banner dedication on Sept 25. We are planning a community photo at the BLM Banner dedication. The dedication will be publicized in our E-news and a direct E-mail from Dawn.
Brigitte offered to paint sun rays on the white ply wood covering the stained glass panel, but time is short at this time. That may be considered down the road.
- 3. Dawn is requesting members read Turning Point pages 1-53 before the October Board meeting.
- 4. Current events regarding the Standing Rock Action was shared by Norma, representing the Social Justice Coordinating Committee. Vicki will send Norma a link from Greenpeace that contains requests for organized aid and supplies that may be a project for interested members who want to support the action.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Next Board Meeting is Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the UU Center. (Norma will be absent)

Submitted by Vicki Chessin, secretary