

Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at Unitarian House with the following Trustees in attendance: Mark Tomlinson, President; Betty Luff, Vice President; Mac McMahan, Treasurer; Donald Zeilman, Clerk; Ellen Kerr; Andy Schwarz; Ex officio: Rev. David McFarland. Matt Merriman-Preston excused.

I Gathering

Mr. Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, Reverend McFarland shared words for the chalice lighting. Clerk determined that there was a quorum present at the call to order.

II Administration

1. Minutes of the December 4 meeting were distributed electronically for review, with no corrections or additions.

2. Minister's Report: Reverend McFarland, distributed electronically and at the meeting. Rev. McFarland notes that with the number of our average Sunday attendance, our membership should be closer to 100 (current membership, 79). A brief informal report was presented on the recent holiday worship services and programs.

3. Treasurer's Report: Mr. McMahan did not have a report this month. Mr. Tomlinson reports that the Stewardship End of Year Campaign met its budgeted goal. Also notes greater member participation, but less participation by friends. The absence of a printed newsletter may have contributed to that drop. Status and implementation of website credit card contributing will be explored.

Reports accepted by assent.

III Business

1. Annual UUA Certification and Membership Count

The Clerk, Mr. Zeilman, moves to drop Linda Deafenbaugh, Leo Nagorski, Greg & Michelle Quinlan, Maryanne Sonick, Kris Thomas, and Darren Tidrick from the membership roll per Article 5, Paragraph 4 of the Bylaws. Further, that the said members were notified in writing of this pending action, as a courtesy, no less than 30 days prior to this meeting.

Second, Mrs. Luff.

Discussion: Board policy, or lack thereof, around membership. Note that none of the listed members contacted the President to discuss maintaining their status as members.

Ms. Kerr moves to amend the previous motion by striking the name, Leo Nagorski, from the list of members to be removed from the membership roll.

Second, Mr. Schwarz

Motion to Amend Carries

Resolved that the pending motion is to drop Linda Deafenbaugh, Greg & Michelle Quinlan, Maryanne Sonick, Kris Thomas, and Darren Tidrick from the membership roll per Article 5, Paragraph 4 of the Bylaws.

Motion Carries

Follow up: President will contact Leo Nagorski and notify him of his continued membership. Clerk and President will notify the members who were struck from the membership roll.

2. Annual Mid-Year Meeting

The following topics and responsibilities were suggested:

- » Covenant Circles: Tim Nuttle
- » Social Justice: Mark Tomlinson
- » Sabbatical Leave: Ellen Kerr
- » Inreach Ministry: Rev. McFarland
- » Financial Update: Betty Luff

Note that childcare will need to be provided.

3. DRE Workshop Request

Rev. McFarland reports that the Director of Religious Education, Brian Byers, desires to attend an OMD LREDA workshop on February 7–9. Rev. McFarland supports his attendance, and requests that the Board approve funding to enable Mr. Byers to attend.

Motion by Ms. Kerr to approve funding up to \$300 for Mr. Byers to attend the OMD LREDA workshop.

Second, Mr. McMahon

Motion Carries

Note: This expenditure will be budgeted as Staff professional development.

4. Tax Year Member Contribution Reporting

Mr. Tomlinson notes that the letters to members are required to be sent out by the end of January. As in previous years, a task group comprising Stewardship (Mr. Tomlinson), and appropriate Finance Committee members, will be formed to produce the letters.

5. Endowment Question

John Luff and the Endowment Committee ask if a previous Board had earmarked a certain amount from the Church savings accounts to be transferred to the endowment once one was set up. Clerk notes that the minutes are compiled and can be searched. Also noted that Endowment Committee member, Jill Brethauer may have a clearer recollection. Mr. Luff should follow up with these two persons.

6. Endorsement Request

Mr. Schwarz would like the Church to sign on to an anti-torture resolution and would like to initiate the process for doing so.

Resolved: Mr. Schwarz will submit the request in writing to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

IV Oversight and Discernment

1. Social Justice Assembly Report

Mr. Tomlinson led the social justice meeting. He reports that he presented background material, carried out some appreciative enquiry, and provided time for discussion. There was discussion on the role of the Covenant Circles. It was noted that we are not modifying or eliminating any of our current social justice projects. Our next step will be to pursue consultation with the Ohio-Meadville District staff. Mr. Tomlinson will contact the District Executive. Also, is this something Rev. McFarland can address from the pulpit?

V Adjournment

Mr. Tomlinson adjourned the meeting and the chalice was extinguished.

Next meeting, February 5, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald G. Zeilman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald G. Zeilman, Clerk 2012-13