

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; Mac McMahon, Treasurer; Liz Dell; Matt Merriman-Preston; Jane Schwarz; Gail Ward. Donald Zeilman, Clerk, excused.

Ex officio: Rev. David McFarland. Ellen Kerr and Betty Luff, out-going trustees.

I Gathering

Mr. Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, Rev. McFarland shared words for the chalice lighting. Mr. Merriman-Preston was selected to serve as secretary for the duration of the meeting. A quorum was present at the call to order.

II Administration

1. Minutes of the May 7 meeting were distributed electronically for review. There were no comments or corrections.
2. Minister's Report: Reverend McFarland, distributed electronically. Rev. McFarland presented his report.
3. Financial Report: Mr. McMahon submitted report electronically. No corrections were made, and there was a brief discussion on following up on pledges.
4. Report of the Clerk: No report. Mr. Tomlinson noted that congregational membership remains at 78.

Reports accepted by assent.

III Business

1. Sabbatical Committee: Ms. Kerr presented a report from the sabbatical committee. The committee has established a goal to write guidelines for the duration of sabbatical. The committee will lead the creating of a monthly newsletter. It will be cover topics of church-wide interest, but will have a focus on sabbatical. The committee has a goal of producing the first issue in August.
2. New Trustees were welcomed; out-going Trustees were thanked and bid farewell. Ms. Kerr and Mrs. Luff were excused from the meeting.
3. Officers of the Board and Church: Mr. Merriman-Preston nominates the following slate of candidates as officers of the Board of Trustees, 2013–2014:

President: Mark Tomlinson; Vice President: Liz Dell; Clerk: Donald Zeilman; Treasurer: Mac Mahon.

Second, Mrs. Ward.

Motion Carries

4. Vanderbilt Alternative Spring Break: Rev. McFarland noted that Vanderbilt has expressed interest in being partners again with Allegheny UU for their alternative spring break, which would include service to Gwen's Girls. Rev. McFarland requested that the board express their willingness to host the group again, which would include identifying a liaison between the group and the congregation.

Motion by Ms. Dell: The board of trustees commits to host Vanderbilt's alternative spring break program for 2014, to take place in early March. Second by Mr. Merriman-Preston

Motion Carries.

5. Pride March Insurance Update: The organizers of the Pride march (Delta Foundation) are requiring a supplement to the Church's insurance that would name Delta Foundation as an additional insured. If that is not possible, the Delta Foundation is offering supplemental coverage at a cost of \$50. That expense would be covered by the UU Churches' Pride Fund.

6. Share the Plate: After presenting the idea of moving toward giving away 100% of non-pledge offerings to social justice partners, Mr. Tomlinson noted that after discussion with other church members, the changes made would be more limited. The cycle for each social justice partner will be two months. Half of all non-pledge offerings will be given to the justice partner. The remaining half will fund the Church's social justice budget.

IV Adjournment

Mr. Tomlinson adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm and the chalice was extinguished.

The Board's 2013 retreat was tentatively scheduled for August 17, pending availability of members.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be July 2, 2013. At that meeting, a regular meeting day/time will be established.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Merriman-Preston, Trustee