

Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at Unitarian House on April 3 with the following Trustees in attendance: Mark Tomlinson, President; Liz Dell, Vice President, Mac McMahon, Treasurer; Donald Zeilman, Clerk; Jane Schwarz and Gail Ward, Matt Merriman-Preston excused. Guest, Betty Schwarz.

I Gathering

Mr. Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and shared words for the chalice lighting. A quorum was present at the call to order.

II Administration

1. Minutes of the March 6 & 13 meetings were distributed electronically for review. No comments or corrections.
2. Financial Report: Mr. McMahon, Report distributed electronically for review. Notes that the income in February was down a bit, and that insurance costs were going up. Suggests a conversation in June between the church (President, Treasurer, House chairperson) and our insurance company.
3. Minister's Report: No report during sabbatical.
4. Report of the Clerk: Membership stands at 83.

Reports accepted by assent.

III Business

1. **Nominating Committee Report.** Mrs. Ward reports that the Committee has a full slate of candidates for the four Trustee positions: Greg Blackman, John Luff, Jay Poliziani, and Mark Tomlinson.
2. **By-Law Amendments.** Mr. Zeilman outlines the major areas of change in the proposed By-laws amendments, noting the conditions for removal from membership, the new expectation for a contribution of record, and the inclusion of 14–17 year olds as members. Mr. Tomlinson also notes that the amendments make it easier to serve the congregation through reducing waiting periods for voting and through allowing non-members to serve on committees. He feels that it is the Church's best interest to make the By-laws work toward our mission.

Open discussion followed.

Note: Mr. McMahon & Mr. Tomlinson were excused prior to the end of the meeting.

3. Report on District Assembly. Ms. Dell reports that she, Mr Tomlinson and Mr. Zeilman attended the annual District Assembly that was held jointly with the St. Lawrence District. She notes that it was a positive experience, with excellent speakers, Meg Barnhouse and Priscilla Richter. She further reports on her experiences at the workshops that she attended.

IV Adjournment

Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting and the chalice was extinguished.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be May 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald G. Zeilman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Donald G. Zeilman, Clerk 2013-14