

Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at Unitarian House on April 21 with the following Trustees in attendance: Mark Tomlinson, President; Liz Dell, Vice President, Mac McMahon, Treasurer; Donald Zeilman, Clerk; Matt Merriman-Preston; Jane Schwarz and Gail Ward.

I Gathering

Mr. Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, and shared words for the chalice lighting. A quorum was present at the call to order.

II Business

1. Stewardship Update. Mr. Tomlinson opened a discussion on the status of the Stewardship campaign. Mrs. Ward reported that the stewardship dinner was not well attended, although it was a great event. Mr. Tomlinson notes that pledge forms have been distributed by hand and mailed.

He encourages the Board to promote pledge returns and to direct folks to the pledge table during fellowship.

2. General Assembly. Mr. Tomlinson reports that GA will be held at the end of June, and that the divestment vote will be part of the business at the meeting. Mr. Tomlinson is considering attending. He notes that the registration fee is reduced for early registration and for congregational presidents. He requests that the Board sponsor him to attend and to take advantage of the discounts.

Motion by Mr. McMahon that the Church sponsor a delegate to attend the General Assembly in Providence Rhode Island at the end of June 2014, and that sponsorship cover registration, lodging and transportation up to a total of \$600. Mrs. Ward, second.

Motion carries.

Mr. Tomlinson will update the Board on his availability to attend.

3. By-Law Amendments. Mr. Tomlinson distributed copies of the final draft for review. He notes that this is a work in progress, and that we have gotten verbal and written input from the Membership Committee around provisions affecting membership.

Further, he notes that the amendments codify current best practices, allow more participation, open membership to younger members, and require a contribution of record, as the main points.

Motion by Mr. Zeilman to endorse the proposed By-laws amendments as presented, and submit them to the membership for consideration at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Ms. Dell, second.

Motion carries.

4. Covenant Renewal Proposal. Mr. Zeilman requests that the Board endorse the resolution on covenant renewal (previously distributed) for presentation to the membership at the Annual Congregational Meeting. No objections raised.

So resolved.

5. Budget Process. Mr. Tomlinson reports that a budget work group will be meeting to discuss the proposed budget. It will include Board and Finance members, and that they will be considering “big picture” concerns. He asks if the Board has any concerns to take to the working session.

Mr. Merriman-Preston notes that funding for staff development should be included in the budget, and not requested as special funding on an as-needed basis.

Concern that recent efforts to fund some core social justice efforts (PIIN, NCM, UUPlan, Pride) be memorialized even if social justice itself remains as the general line item.

IV Adjournment

Mr. Tomlinson 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, sweeping initial "D".

Donald G. Zeilman, Clerk 2013–14