

## July 8, 2014

### Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at Unitarian House on July 8 with the following trustees present: Liz Dell, President; Gail Ward, Vice President; John Luff, Treasurer; David McFarland, Minister; Jane Schwarz, Clerk, Mark Tomlinson, Jay Poliziani, Greg Blackman

#### I Gathering

Ms. Dell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and Rev. McFarland shared words for the chalice lighting. A quorum was present at the call to order.

#### II Administration

1. Minutes of the June 5 meeting were distributed electronically for review. Jay Poliziani's name was added to the welcoming of new board members.
2. Financial Report: Mr. Luff, Report distributed for review. Reports were explained. Mr. Luff is continuing his efforts to make the reports easily presented. There will be some discrepancies based on where certain numbers are allocated. There are still some adjustments being made in the new system. A discussion occurred on breaking the ministry heading into different categories. Budget for FY2015 was discussed. Items were proposed for adjustment on the expense side of the budget in order to be fiscally responsible, and discussion occurred. Ministry Report: This was Rev. McFarland's first week back from sabbatical. No report yet
3. Clerk's report: Membership stands at 77.

**Reports accepted by assent.**

#### III Business

1. **Communication:** Mrs. Ward announced the New Member dinner is on August 6 at 6:00. We need to continue work on how we communicate with each other and communicate things to the congregation as a whole. Ms. Dell to make a draft of a letter presenting the by-law changes to the congregation.
2. **Endowment committee:** Mr. Tomlinson presented a motion that the board nominate Kate Tomlinson for a new three year term on the endowment committee ending June 2017. Mrs. Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. **The endowment fund:** Signatures are needed on a subscription agreement to start the fund.
4. **Board Vacancy:** Mrs. Ward announces that she needs to resign from the board due to family commitments.
5. **Sabbatical :** Transition meetings schedule discussed. They are still in the process of being organized.

6. **GA:** Mr. Tomlinson gave a brief report on his attendance at GA. He talked to Tim Brennan, Treasurer of the UUA at GA about ownership of the UHouse. The UUA is not interested in owning buildings, and we need to decide if we want to own the building. The Guilford Trust was also discussed.

#### **IV Adjournment**

Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting of the Board of Trustees and the chalice was extinguished.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on August 07, 2014.