

January 6, 2015

Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at Unitarian House on January 6 with the following trustees present: Liz Dell, President; Greg Blackman, Vice President; Jane Schwarz, Clerk; Sonia Reed; Jay Poliziani; Mark Tomlinson and Rev. David McFarland.

I. Gathering

Ms. Dell called the meeting to order at about 7:10 PM and shared words for the chalice lighting. There was a quorum. Sonia Reed was introduced and greeted at her first meeting.

Minutes from previous meeting: December 4 minutes approved .

Financial report: Please see attached report. Discussed low December pledges. We also discussed alternative methods for people to pay their pledges.

Minister's report: Please see attached report.

Clerk's report: There are 78 members. One new member joined.

Denominational Affairs: Attached report discussed.

II Business

Mid year meeting planning: Discussion of how to do long range planning. It probably needs some direction since we are starting from scratch. We just want to get the process started.

Mr. Poliziani is willing to discuss the status of the communications task force. Look into whether there is interest in the process in the congregation.

How are things going with circles? There seems to be mixed feedback so far. Discussion of how to present this at meeting occurred. We will focus on the positive. A couple of group leaders to be contacted to see who might be interested in presenting since Jane Dirks is out of town.

RE Director update: Brian Byers signed the letter of resignation. The date of letter was changed. Currently the committee is interested in a person as an acting RE Director. Job descriptions need to be looked at. The RE program is doing well. The children are enjoying it. The RE committee is working on improving procedures within RE.

End of Year Campaign report: The last couple of years the donations have decreased, so this year stewardship tried some new approaches. The numbers improved this year. It would be good to have more donors on the low end of amounts. Will continue to work on ways to increase donations. Someone used paypal to donate this year as well. There is a link to Paypal on the website.

Cluster-wide small church training course: Course is coming up later this month. They are looking for people to attend and for people to lead sessions. Mr. Blackman and Mr. Tomlinson are looking into it.

III Adjournment

Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 5 at 7:00 PM.