

April 2, 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 April 2 with the following trustees present: Liz Dell, President; Greg Blackman, Vice President; John Luff, Treasurer; Jane Schwarz, Clerk; Mark Tomlinson; Jay Poliziani;

I. Gathering

Ms. Dell called the meeting to order at about 7:15 PM and shared words for the chalice lighting.

Minutes from previous meeting: August 7, 2014, July 8, 2014, February 5, 2015 minutes approved .

Financial report: Please see attached report.

Minister's report: Please see attached report.

Clerk's report: No changes, we still have 76 members.

Denominational Affairs: Attached report discussed.

Consent agenda approved.

II Business

Preliminary Budget discussion: Discussion of Fair Share commitment. Looked over preliminary budget. The cost of insurance has gone up. Giant Eagle profit is lower than it should be and we are not sure why. Salary for an administrator has not been used, so not put in the budget. Also, expense for OWL program not put in as it has not been used. The only way to balance the budget is on the income side. Could send up a board meeting to discuss the budget. We need to come up with a fundraising committee.

Communication task force: Mr. Poliziani reported. A Mailchimp mock up of what the new Advocate would look like was sent around to task force members. Feedback obtained. Mailchimp use to begin soon. Communication between congregation and Church to be discussed at next meeting.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Poliziani reported. Have discussed some names and will talk to candidates in the next couple of weeks. The slate to be approved by the board at the next meeting.

Annual meeting: Goal is to send out the annual report by April 10. Discussion of by-laws related to notification of business meetings occurred. Ms. Dell to come up with agenda, and is requesting suggestions for agenda items.

Welcoming Congregations: Writing up an action plan, doing some work, sending in an application. Board members are encouraged to read the information about it. Will need to be voted on by the congregation, so the process will presumably go on over the next year.

III Adjournment

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

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