

Minutes of the Allegheny Board of Trustees meeting, August 19, 2015.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held with the following Trustees in attendance:

Greg Blackman, Liz Del, Sonia Reed, John Luff, Jay Poliziani.

Excused: Mary Jo Sonntag, Eric Meisberger.

Guests: Andy Schwarz and Larry Geyer.

A quorum was present at the call to order.

- Check in: Eric is absent because his father passed away.
- Accent Agenda approved as presented. Jay made motion to approve and Sonia seconded, motion carried.
- Liz read Rev. Dave's report: Rev. Dave and Rev. Derek Tines are working on a "Sunday Boost." Details to follow. The next Soulful Stoop is Sept 11 at 6pm. The next Happier Hour is set for Friday September 18 at 6pm. Rev. Dave is also working on a Spiritual focus of the month discussion group, music focused project with Tom Roberts, common read book group and setting up "new to UU" sessions in the fall and winter.
- Our guests, Andy and Larry, discussed use of the second-floor teen room in the Unitarian House for a movie. The BOT agreed to review the proposal when submitted and, barring any unforeseen concerns in the proposal, the BOT gives approval for the filming. The title is *American Pastoral* and is set to film at the Unitarian House on October 13 and 14. Sonia motioned to review the filming plans when submitted and Jay seconded, motion carried.
- New church intern Scott Eckes, introduced himself to the group.

Business agenda:

- Charlie Snowden is working with the contractor to get the acoustic panels installed in Founders Hall.
- Budget discussion will be included on the first section of the agenda for the Board Retreat.

**Executive Session to discuss staff compensation.

- Liz asked that the Communications team add wording to the Communications Policy to help address requests about sending out e-mail blasts to the congregation. Jay will ask the team to submit something for Board review. Jay will ask Rev. Dave about a possible community moment to introduce the congregation to the new communications policy.
- Liz discussed the Board Retreat set at NCM on Saturday August 29th at 9am. The morning will look at strategic planning, nomination and succession process, lessons from leadership training and use of space. Afternoon will be Heart-to-Heart training.
- John will respond to Marks request to all Cluster congregations related to the amount paid to guest musicians.
- The next meeting will be at Unitarian House at 7pm on Sept 17.
- Greg motioned to adjourn, Sonia seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Poliziani, Recording Secretary

Donald G. Zeilman, Clerk