

Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees – Minutes of November 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held with the following Trustees in attendance: Liz Dell, Mary Jo Sonntag, Greg Blackman, Sonya Reed, Jay Poliziani, Eric Meisberger, and John Luff

Ex officio: Rev. David McFarland, Minister; Donald G Zeilman, Clerk.

Guests: Scott Eckes, Intern Minister; Charlie Snowden, House Committee Chair.

Chalice lighting

A quorum was present at the call to order.

The ascent agenda was approved by all.

John Luff led a discussion (PowerPoint presentation) about the church's connection to the Gilliford Trust established in 1923 with \$80,000 from a founding member of the congregation. At the current time, the trust is administered through PNC Charitable Trusts. The UUA benefits financially from the trust and Allegheny has not financially benefitted from this trust in decades.

John also led a discussion about possible sale of the Unitarian House, with the money placed in a trust, from which the church would benefit financially. The Unitarian house is owned by the UUA. In the past the UUA has expressed an interest in not maintaining ownership of the property. Selling the property would help address significant budget concerns for the church as well as limited volunteer power for maintenance of the property.

The Board agreed that John, assisted by Donald and Rev. Dave, should continue to analyze the process and benefits of approaching the UUA about the sale of Unitarian House, and increased access to the Gilliford Trust funds.

John asked that we add a collection site to the church for Toys for Tots. The Board agreed to this.

John shared that Shane Freeman would like to work with a community partner to host a screening of a film at the church on MLK Day. Shane requested \$300 to spend on set up and public relations for the screening.

Greg motioned that \$300 should be set aside for the set up and PR for the screening overseen by Shane Freeman. Sonya seconded the motion, motion carried.

Charlie gave a report on the current state of the properties. He will draft a list of what actually needs to be done, prioritize the list and include best-guess estimates of costs for a future Board meeting. At the current time there is a need to have a roofer come give an estimate of repairs to the slate and basic slate maintenance for the church roof. All agreed that Charlie should get an estimate. Additionally, there is a board on the church exterior that needs to be replaced. Charlie estimates that it will be approximately \$500 to do this work. The Board agreed that he should address this issue.

Liz asked that the Board meet to address issues not covered this evening because of lack of time. The Board will continue the meeting before worship at 9:30am in Unitarian House on Sunday December 13th.

John motioned to adjourn, Sonya seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Poliziani, Recording Secretary

Donald G. Zeilman, Clerk