

September 4, 2012

Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church

Board of Trustees

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church was called to order at 7:07pm September 4, 2012 with the following trustees present: Mark Tomlinson, Mac McMahon, Ellen Kerr, Matt Merriman-Preston, Betty Luff, and Andy Schwarz. Donald Zeilman was excused. Ex officio member Rev. David MacFarland was also present.

I. Gathering

Mark Tomlinson, president called the meeting to order. Opening words were provided by Betty Luff. There was no presentation for the congregational moment.

II. Administrative

1. The minister's report was submitted electronically, and was the subject of brief discussion.
2. The financial report was submitted electronically.
3. Motion to approve the reports as submitted carried.
4. A report by the "Sabbatical Team" laid out the projected work plan and goals for the team. There was a brief discussion about the resources available to the congregation for the process.
5. Mark Tomlinson notified the Trustees that a tentative calendar for the church year was available online and would be discussed at the next meeting of the Leadership Council.
6. There was a discussion about the congregation's potential participation in the UUA's insurance program. If the treasurer were to submit a request to the UUA to become a "subscribing employer" with board approval, the board could then enroll eligible employees into the program.

Motion by Ellen Kerr, seconded by Andy Schwarz: "Pursuant to the ministerial agreement, the board authorizes the treasurer to subscribe to and agree to the terms of the Plan and the Trust and become a 'subscribing employer,' allowing Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church to enroll eligible employees, eligible retirees, and their dependents in the Unitarian Universalist Organization's Health Plan."

Motion Carried.

III. Discernment

1. “Team B” reported that they met a week ago and set as their first step in reviewing church governance would be an assessment of governance of committees—including financial, leadership, and membership recruitment policies. The Team is aware of a similar project being undertaken by the Committee on Ministry and will coordinate where possible.
2. “Team A” set a goal to meet before the next board meeting.
3. The concept of church circles was discussed and the idea of recruiting an opt-in “model circle” would be discussed at the Leadership Council. Betty Luff agreed to write-up a model for presentation.

IV. Wrap Up

Following the closing words, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40. The next meeting is to be held October 2, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Merriman-Preston