

Board of Trustees for Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Board Minutes February 28, 2017

In attendance: Greg Blackman, Jay Poliziani, Mary Jo Sontag, Rev Dave, Kate Tomlinson, Sonia Reed, Liz Dell

(quorum reached)

- Absent: John Luff
- Check in
- Assent Agenda Approved
- Ministers Report: there was no new report but rather revisiting the suggestions made by the Minister in the previous report for what the BOT can do. Listed below. The BOT determined that these suggestions should be placed on the BOT agenda for each month as a reminder that we need to address them as time permits.
- How Trustees can help: Create this year's Right Relations Team per the Covenant Renewal Policy (below)
- Appoint a Trustee to work with Worship to determine how best to invest in worship technology
- Discuss how last month's "How Trustees can help" went or is going:
 - The biggest help you can provide is to develop your spiritual practice and bring it to the next level of depth
 - With snow months here, it's always a great help when you come to church (and even offer to drive others either near you or close to your route to church)
 - Make sure you have at least one "action item" coming out of each Board Meeting and follow through on that action
 - Connect with people who are new and those who have returned. And even reach out to those Members or Guests you haven't seen and miss
 - Revive the Leadership Council
 - Get that Board of Trustees picture in the Emerson Room
 - Follow through on providing the annual Conflict Management workshop
 - In short, most all of this comes down to an encouragement to "show up fully!" and in turn encourage others to do so.

- **Business**
- Medical Marijuana dispensary to be located on Western Ave and operated by a Doctor Shannon Theirot of UUNCH asked for a letter of support from our congregation. The Board agreed to submit the letter.
- Spaghetti dinner planning. Kate Tomlinson discussed planning of the dinner set for April 1st. Liz and Sonia agreed to coordinate the service auction this year. Jay agreed to seek out donations for raffle baskets of goodies. Greg agreed to help Charlie cook. Kate, Mary Jo and Jay will work on drinks, set up – etc...
- Dinner in the Park. The group agreed that we should host three pot luck dinners in the park across from the church on the second Saturdays of June, July and August from 5-8pm. The events will be family friendly, hopefully low level of set up and break down and a chance to connect with our church neighbors. Pop-up in the Park for Peace will be the theme. We will seek volunteers from the congregation to help with publicity, set up and breakdown. A call for a team to take charge will go out in an Allegheny Advocate in March.
- The board spent part of the meeting reviewing the suggestions made by our members and friends at the Mid-year meeting. The suggestions related to three categories

1)Nourish the Spirit with Worship and Religious Education 2)Celebrate Life in Community and 3)Inspire Justice through Justice making. The suggestions told us what people liked and what we should build upon. The Board of Trustees will over the next couple of months pull out the five most frequent responses to each of the three points and begin the process of developing next steps to help each of us, members and friends of AUUC Nourish, celebrate and inspire together. If people have any additional comments they will be encouraged to add them to a posting of the collected lists located on a board in the lobby. The BOT will report back to the congregation via the Advocate.

- Workshop on dealing with conflict will be targeted for the fall of 2017. Ideally an outside facilitator perhaps from the UUA can lead a short evening workshop for leadership and a daytime workshop for the congregation the following day. We will investigate if this is perhaps something the Cluster would like to sponsor and or coordinate at our site for other UU congregations participation as well.
- Next meeting March 28, 2017 at 7 pm at U House.
- Meetings for 2017: 2/25 5/23 6/27 7/25 8/22 9/26 10/24 11/28 12/26
- Sonia motioned to adjourn, MaryJo seconded and all agreed