

Board of Trustees for Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Board Minutes April 26, 2017

**In attendance: Greg Blackman, Jay Poliziani, Rev Dave, Kate Tomlinson, Liz Dell, John Luff
(quorum reached)**

- Absent: Mary Jo Sontag and Sonia Reed
 - Check in
 - Assent Agenda Approved (finances look good at this point for the end of the year)
 - Ministers Report: attached
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- **Business**
 - Executive Session
 - End of Executive session
 - Retirement letter – Rev Dave asked for approval for him to send a congratulatory letter to Art McDonald on his retirement from the congregation—all agreed. Additionally Kate will have the kids make a card for all to sign and send.
 - Display of Cluster Banner at Allegheny. The group agreed that this should be a decision discussed and made between House and Mark Tomlinson as the Cluster representative for the congregation. We ask that they meet to determine appropriate banner placement.
 - Satellite Congregations—Joan Van Becelaere joined the discussion via SKYPE to update the group about how a Fiscal sponsor and/or a satellite congregation would work. A group in Beaver County has approached church member Shane Freeman and Shane has spoken to Joan about the possibility of either Fiscal Sponsor or Satellite congregation relationship between the group in Beaver County and AUUC. Joan explained that as far as a Fiscal Sponsor is concerned the bulk of the work would fall to our Treasurer for fiscal management. Joan explained that any agreement related to Fiscal sponsorship should have a very clearly written agreement stating that the Beaver County group is totally financially responsible for their group and no financial burden falls to AUUC. Moving beyond fiscal sponsorship to satellite congregation would require different agreements down the road. The Board agreed that our first step in considering this potential connection would be to ask Rev Dave and Liz (or other BOT member if Liz can not attend) to go to Beaver County and meet with this group in June, followed by representatives from their group coming to a BOT meeting in the summer here at AUUC. We need to get a clear understanding of what they hope to achieve and determine if it fits in our church mission.
 - Conflict Management Workshop set for Saturday and Sunday May 5 and 6. Greg will confirm reservations for the workshop. Jay will add it to the bulletin this week.
 - Alternative Spring Break debrief – We will ask House and Mark T to give us either a written or in person debrief at our May 23rd meeting.
 - U House future—discussion moved to May 23rd meeting
 - Religious Education update- Kate had a couple potential connections for a childcare provider and will share those with Rev Dave. No new applicants for a Religious Educator. Rev Dave said that some RE team members suggested we look to increase the hours offered to a candidate and that may increase interest. For budgeting purposes the RE committee is asked to submit a suggested proposed amount.
 - Annual meeting planning will take place on May 2nd. We will add to the Annual meeting a vote for whom the congregation wishes to ask our delegates at GA to vote for UUA president. Kate will draft a message letting the congregation know how to learn more about the candidates for UUA president.

- UUA call to resist White supremacy will be addressed both in Rev Tines service April 30th and Rev Dave's May 7th service.
 - Budget for Technology –currently we have \$500 budgeted for technology which will allow Mark T to look for possible deal on a laptop for Rev Dave. John asked that a proposed amount be provided for how much we may need for technology in the next budget with specific items listed.
 - Stewardship – Kate asked that all BOT members commit to an increase in their annual giving in a set amount that works for them. The amount will be used as a match amount to encourage others in the congregation to give more. Kate will approach each BOT member about possible participation.
 - Spaghetti Dinner debrief – the event brought in about \$800. Liz suggested that in the future it would be easier to have the raffle start a few weeks before the dinner and end at the dinner rather than the reverse.
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- Next meeting May 2, 2017 at 7 pm at U House to plan the Annual Meeting
 - Next regular BOT meeting set for 5/23
 - Meetings for 2017: 6/27 7/25 8/22 9/26 10/24 11/28 12/26
 - Kate motioned to adjourn, Liz seconded and all agreed