

Minutes Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees meeting 9/21/17 (revised)

In attendance Laura Conkle, Kate Tomlinson, Greg Blackman, Lisa Schroth, Jay Poliziani, John Luff

Excused: Rev Dave and Sonia
Reed

Quorum
reached

Assent agenda approved with two changes to past minutes. August minutes should have clarity that an audit is suggested because of a change in Treasurer and Retreat minutes should reflect that SWAT is actually SWOT with O for opportunities

Laura asked about and John clarified the process for Giant Eagle cards and what it reflects oddly in the financials. Cards are ordered and paid for at different times and sometimes in different months and thus although the year end amount works out it reflects differently each month in the financials.

Laura reviewed a draft of her take away from the SWOT exercise at the Board retreat. At a future meeting we will discuss and set some goals for next year based on the findings of the SWOT analysis. Common repeating themes include an awareness campaign to help position us to attract more of the non-churched and more of our facility neighbors. Also repeating is our desire for activities that tell people who we are and what we are committed to, like the picnic.

Christmas Eve service—the group agreed that Greg would send Rev Dave and Worship committee an email stating that the Board will fully support their decision around the holiday worship schedule.

Thanksgiving – Jay reported that the membership team met this week and agreed that we should have the usual potluck and it will be coordinated by membership.

November/December Share the plate – the board will let Shane know that the Justice League is supported by us in their selection of the Share the Plate partner.

Neighborhood picnic is planned and ready to go.

Joan Van Becelaere board training is set at South Hills UU for Friday night – Greg and Laura will attend from AUUC. Formalization of a relationship with Rev Tines will be moved to discussion next month.

Private School affiliation – the group agreed that we need to ask Rev Dave to ask the representative from the school to come and do a presentation for us in the very near future so we can better understand the proposal. Preferred time would be after a Sunday service.

Strategic Plan proposal. The group agreed to explore setting up a formal Strategic Plan committee in the near future. The strategic plan committee would report to the board and have no authority over the board. The group agreed that we should ask Greg to see if the UUA has any info on this process in other churches our size and he will ask DZ and or Mark for a copy of our most recent plan (2006) the group will review that information and discuss next steps at the next meeting.

The group discussed that perhaps the Leadership Council as it was needs to have a new format and a focus perhaps on a once yearly Leadership training. This will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Lisa motioned to adjourn, Jay seconded and the group agreed .

Next meeting Oct 19 at the U house at 7pm