

Board of Trustees for Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Board Minutes October 19,2017

In attendance: Greg Blackman, Jay Poliziani, Rev Dave, Kate Tomlinson (phone), , John Luff, Lisa Schroth and Laura Conkle

(Quorum reached)

- Absent: Sonia Reed
- Check in
- Assent Agenda Approved with one correction to the minutes from September “the group agreed to explore (related to the strategic plan)
- Finances: Laura asked Joh to clarify five points on the financial statements. John explained the reasoning behind each of the postings on the financials.
- Ministers Report:

John motioned to accept the accent agenda, Jay seconded and all agreed

• **Business**

- Rev Dave explained his proposal regarding he (Rev Dave) and then the congregation being formally in covenant with Rev Tines. His proposal included giving Rev. Tines the designation of being an Affiliated Minister with our congregation. After much discussion the group requested that Rev. Dave express to Rev. Tines that the current budget only has funds set aside for a once every other month service by a paid guest preacher. The group agreed that Rev. Dave and Rev. Tines could share the news of their individual convental relationship through first a message from Rev Dave from the pulpit followed by an opportunity for people to meet and discuss what this will mean with Rev Dave. In December the two Revs. Will participate together in a Sunday service where they formalize their covenant. The Board requested that Rev. Dave present a written proposal for the November BOT meeting expressing the details of a possible formal covenant between the congregation and Rev. Tines. What would that mean and how would it look? After review the Board will be better able to vote on that step and then speak with the congregation about it before a formal vote at the January church meeting.
- Rev. Dave spoke to the group about the possibility of Rev. Tines and Kris Rust co-facilitating a evening Sunday service at the church beginning in January. After much discussion the group agreed that we welcome the new service option but between the November meeting and the beginning of the services we would explore ways to deal with the costs and revenues from the service so that we stay in compliance with our mission as a church and Tax rules.
- City of Bridges . The group agreed that we should further explore the possibility of being a sponsor for the school. Greg will look at schools that are sponsored by Quakers to see what the word “sponsorship” means to them. How would we be connected and or responsible after the proposal has been sent in for approval. The BOT will have a conference call on Nov 2nd at 6:30 to hear Lisa and Greg’s findings and to make a decision about sponsorship.
- Other items on the agenda will be moved to the November meeting
- John motioned to adjourn , Greg seconded and all agreed
- Next meeting November 16, 2017 at 7 pm at U House to plan the Annual Meeting