

Minutes from 2/15/18 Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees meeting

In attendance: Greg Blackman, Kate Tomlinson, Jay Poliziani, Laura Conkle, Sarah-Wade Smith, Rev. Dave --on phone/computer John Luff

Absent: Sonia Reed Quorum reached

Assent agenda approved with change to minutes to reflect that Sarah-Wade Smith would fill the BOT vacancy left by Lisa Schroth's departure until the upcoming Annual meeting at which time she will be added to the slate of BOT candidates to be voted on and to retain the seat through Lisa's term.

Business: City of Bridges High School Partnership Proposal: The board engaged in a discussion for approximately 45 minutes about the proposed partnership. All in attendance and on the phone/computer offered their personal perspective about the proposal. Several in attendance gave their feedback from the open meetings held at the church and about individual conversations with fellow congregants. Feedback from the meetings and individual meetings was mixed with views expressed from both sides. Following the discussion Sarah made a motion that AUUC agree to the proposed partnership with the City of Bridges High School. Laura seconded the motion (John was unable to vote because the by-laws do not allow for remote voting as they are currently written) Jay, Kate and Greg all voted against the proposal. The proposal did not pass. Greg will write a letter to Randy and a note for inclusion in our congregational communications stating that – Although all of the members of the AUUC BOT support the concept and agree with the mission of the City of Bridges School at this point in time we do not feel that our church has the committed people power to serve as a successful partner in the endeavor. We would only wish to enter into such a partnership if we could be sure that we as a church are able to give it our full commitment for the long term. While we feel that this is a bigger commitment than we can take on at this point we would like to keep the door open for participation between AUUC interested congregants and the City of Bridges School. We also suggest that larger UU bodies like the Cluster or First Church may provide a better opportunity for a partnership. We wish the City of Bridges High School great success.

Cluster Resolution: The UU Cluster will meet at AUUC on 4/14 from 9-12:30 to discuss how the Cluster can support the work of AUUC in the inner city community. In the January BOT meeting minutes several possible ideas were listed which will be included in the April meeting discussion. Kate and Greg both plan to attend the meeting and all BOT members are encouraged to attend. Greg offered to be the ongoing AUUC representative for the cluster.

Nominating committee for new members of the BOT : Kate will head up the nominating committee.

Long Term Planning: Kate offered to contact Rev. Joan to open a dialogue regarding our congregation's interest in exploring the process of development of a Strategic Plan.

Sabbatical team: Liz Dell will head up the team and currently the team includes Shane Freeman, Greg Blackman, Jill McKeever and Ellen Kerr. The team will work to help prepare the congregation for Rev.Dave's Sabbatical and then be support during and after the sabbatical.

New Business: Rev Dave introduced the concept of Violence Interrupters and told the group of the interest of a local group in helping AUUC create a ministry of the church to reach out to folks coming out of incarceration.

Rev Dave will let the group know that we have an interest in learning more about their plans – he will request that they submit their idea in writing.

Jay motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sarah and Laura both seconded and all agreed.

**Next meeting 3/15 at
7pm**