

Minutes, UU Board meeting July 28, 2016. (approved 8-17-16)

Attendance: Board: Jerry McKean, Sherry Ware, Susan Bossung, Usha Shivaswamy, Sharon Seager

Visitors: Steve Robert, Linda Gregory

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees started at 6:42 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie with a chalice lighting and reading and checkin. The meeting was presided over by President-Elect Jerry McKean. President Holly Hanauer was absent because of a death in her family. Minister Seth Carrier-Ladd was absent because of being on vacation. Sharon Seager was recording secretary. Five members of the Board were present, which represented a quorum.

The Board meeting minutes of 06/15/2016 were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

President Holly Hanauer's Report was read by Jerry McKean.

In the Past President's Report, Sherry Ware noted that Eleanor Johnson is chairing the Membership Committee, assisted by Mary Robey and Sherry Ware.

In the Vice President's Report, Susan Bossung reported that there is a large problem on Sundays with cleanup, as Hospitality members, Religious Education volunteers, and coffee servers are all competing for space in the small kitchen. The problem is particularly acute on Soup Sundays. Alyssa Farnsworth, who organizes the Soup Sundays once a month, will seek volunteers to help with cleanup.

Bossung reported that two new persons have joined the Program Council: John McKillip, representing Social Justice, and Caroline Sullivan, who will co-chair Fellowship with Ginny Nilles.

Bossung noted that Velvet Miller reported that Religious Education is very short of teachers for the coming year, especially for middle school and high school youth.

John McKillip has raised an issue with Property Maintenance: he thinks the windows should be washed more often.

Treasurer Usha Shivaswamy presented two financial reports to the Board: UU Church of Muncie: Income & Expense, July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2016; and UU Church of Muncie, Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison, As of June 30, 2016.

Shivaswamy recommends that the Board seek a new company for its property insurance. She has contacted several companies and is getting quotes from them. The deadline for payment of the existing insurance is September 11.

Susan Bossung: **Motion that a special Board meeting be held prior to September 11, for the specific purpose of reviewing property insurance quotes and making a decision on a company.**

Shivaswamy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business.

There was nothing to report re. the status of Fundraising Committees.

There was no report from the Safe Congregation Task Force.

The Board Fall Retreat was rescheduled for **Monday, August 22, 2016.**

New Business:

The Board briefly discussed establishing a formal Visitor Policy for church members who want to attend and sometimes participate in Board meetings. This would require a revision of the By-Laws. Article III, Membership, Section 3, Rights and Privileges, currently states: "All members of this church may attend any meeting of the church standing committees and the Board and any member may make proposals, suggestions and criticisms and present them to the Board, the minister or the appropriate committee at any time."

Members of the Board read examples of such policies in the Cincinnati St. John's UU church, the Muncie Public Library. McKean asked Linda Gregory about Visitor policies of City Council and Muncie School Board. It was noted that Robert's Rules leaves to the discretion of the Chair to recognize or invite comment from Visitors.

It was decided by consensus that the Board will try to establish a formal policy. Sherry Ware, Holly Hanauer, Sharon Seager, and Susan Bossung will work on this.

The Board briefly went into Executive Session for a Personnel matter.

Checkout and adjournment came at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Seager, Secretary.