

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie
April 15, 2015

Attendance:

- ❖ Board: Nancy Behforouz, Bill Frederick, Jeff Hathaway, Mary Johnson Robey, Annemarie Voss, Sherry Ware
- ❖ Seth Carrier-Ladd, minister

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees started at 7:02 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie with a chalice lighting and checkin. The meeting was presided over by Nancy Behforouz. Mary Johnson Robey was recording secretary. All members of the Board were present which represented a quorum.

The minutes of the March 25, 2015, Board meeting were approved as amended with a spelling correction.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Reports:

1. President's Report, Nancy Behforouz
 - The Board will hold a special Board meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, to discuss the proposed budget. The Finance Committee will meet April 16, 2015, to finalize the proposed budget.
 - The Stewardship Committee is compiling the current pledge totals.
 - Jeff Hathaway, Annemarie Voss, and Sherry Ware were reminded to have their annual reports to Christie Williams by May 5.

Motion:

Bill Frederick made a motion seconded by Annemarie Voss to add Jeff Hathaway to a search committee to select an accountant. The motion passed unanimously.

- Jim Vincente, Lynn Austin, Seth Carrier-Ladd, Christie Williams have already accepted appointments to the search committee. Usha Shivaswamy will also be asked to join the committee.

2. Treasurer's Report, Jeff Hathaway

- Income and expense statements and balance sheet were sent to the Board in emails. Net income is about on par with what is expected at this time of year. Pledges have come in at 104.5% of budget. Total expenses are \$4K less than budget.
- The operating budget is in good shape however, there are a large number of capital items on the horizon.

Motion:

Annemarie Voss made a motion seconded by Bill Frederick to authorize Jeff Hathaway to make changes to the investment accounts on behalf of the congregation. He is authorized to sell the bonds in which the Askren Fund is currently invested. The money from the sale is to be reinvested in the UUA General Investment Fund. He is also

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authorized to reinvest a recent \$14K dividend from TD Ameritrade. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Minister's Report, Seth Carrier-Ladd
 - Seth reviewed his monthly report which will be forwarded electronically.
 - The projector project is waiting for a third proposal before presenting to the Board.
 - A project to install a flag pole for use with a flag representing the LGBTQ community has been placed on hold for further discussion by the congregation.

Old Business

1. Budget - Held until the April 22, 2015, Board meeting.
2. Solar panels

Motion: Bill Frederick made a motion seconded by Annemarie Voss to fund the church's portion of the solar panels cost of \$31,500 by seeking contributions of \$10,000, using a loan of \$11,000 from the church, and using \$10,500 from the Crosley fund.

Jeff Hathaway suggested an amendment to the motion seconded by Annemarie Voss to obtain the \$11,000 loan from a bank rather than the congregation. The amendment was accepted.

The motion as amended passed unanimously.

3. Evaluation of Seth's Ministry
The Board went into executive session to discuss the evaluation. Written comments are to be sent to Sherry Ware for compilation.

Check out and adjournment

A special Board meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2015, 7:00 pm to discuss the budget. A special congregational meeting will be held April 19, 2015 to discuss the solar panels, and a business congregational meeting will be held May 17, 2015. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is May 20, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Johnson Robey, Board of Trustees Secretary, Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie