

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie
March 25, 2015

Attendance:

- ❖ Board: Nancy Behforouz, Bill Frederick, Jeff Hathaway, Mary Johnson Robey, Annemarie Voss, Sherry Ware
- ❖ Seth Carrier-Ladd, minister
- ❖ Jim Helton, Wayne Meyer, John Taylor, Holly Hanauer, Marnee Cooley, Bruce Craig, Chuck Austin, Lynn Austin, Jim Vincent

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees started at 7:00 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 February 18, 2015, Board meeting were approved as presented.
The agenda was approved as amended.

Special Presentations:

Piano Update

Jim Helton presented information about the current condition of the piano. The piano will be facing more and more maintenance issues in the next three to five years. The Board needs to consider either rebuilding the piano or replacing it. Jim recommends replacing it with a used piano. Trade-in will be more favorable the sooner we do this; loans are available; it's expected a replacement will cost in the \$25-30 thousand range.

Green Task Group of SJC and PMC

Information was presented to the Board about the Solar Panel Proposal:

- A \$100,000 insurance rider is required by I&M.
- Approximately \$1500 will be required to do a complete structural analysis of the roof.
- The grant would cover \$30,000 for the project and the church's responsibility would be an additional \$31,500. Note: no safety railing for the roof for maintenance of the panels is included in this estimate.
- Roof issues: there should not be shade issues from trees since the large trees are at their approximate max; roof was inspected and will need a coating; bearing pads for panels will protect roof to an extent; theoretically leaves will not collect on panels; maintenance will need to be to be regular and ongoing.
- Indiana laws on net metering will require I&M to issue a credit for any excess electricity produced by the church's solar panels.
- The grant provides opportunities to do social justice work in community economic development by engaging the community in the solar panel project.

Property Maintenance

Bruce Craig reported on the status of the roof. Patches on the lower roof have solved the current leakage problems. A regular roof maintenance program is estimated to be \$800/year. Bruce will get another estimate.

Reports:

1. President's Report, Nancy Behforouz
 - The Finance Committee is working on the 2015-2016 budget. They will also work to select an accountant for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to recommend to the Board.

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- The Stewardship Committee reports pledges at \$207,000 to date.
 - The pictorial directory photos will be taken May 15 & 16.
 - A request for new kitchen equipment has been made. Consideration is postponed to the next Board meeting.
 - Delegates will need to be selected for the next GA.
2. Treasurer's Report, Jeff Hathaway
Jeff sent statements to the Board. The operating budget is in good shape, but we face a number of capital items in the not too distant future. The Investment Committee has asked to sell the Askren Funds bonds and reinvest in the UUA general fund which will result in a higher interest rate return. The committee has also asked to have a recent dividend from TD Ameritrade reinvested.
3. Minister's Report, Seth Carrier-Ladd
- Seth reviewed his monthly report which will be forwarded electronically.
 - A proposal for a new projector system will be forth coming.
 - Seth notified the Board he will take vacation April 7 through April 14.
 - Nadine Tringali forwarded a request to take a dedicated offering for the Boston Bound trip.
- Motion:** Mary Johnson Robey made a motion seconded by Annemarie Voss to use the proceeds from a dedicated offering on May 17 to support the Boston Bound trip. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Proposed Changes to the By-laws
The final draft of proposed by-laws changes was forwarded to the Board before the meeting.
Motion: A motion was made by Mary Johnson Robey and seconded by Annemarie Voss to approve the proposed by-laws changes as forwarded and to present them at the next congregational business meeting in May 2015. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Committee on Ministries
Sherry Ware asked the Board to fill out the evaluation form handed out for the next Board meeting. Use the priorities for Seth this year to weight this evaluation. Articulate expectations for organizational ministry, worship, and practical arts.
3. Solar panels
Motion: Bill Frederick made a motion seconded by Annemarie Voss to endorse the request from the Green Task Group/Social Justice Committee to propose a solar panels project to the congregation at a special congregational meeting to be held Sunday, April 19, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Finance Committee - tabled

New Business:

1. Roof Repair – tabled
2. Service Auction - tabled

Check out and adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held April 15, 2015, 7:00 pm.
A special Board meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2015, 7:00 pm to discuss the budget

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

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