

UUCM Board meeting September 21, 2016
(minutes approved 10-19-16)

Attendance: Board: Holly Hanauer, Susan Bossung, Sherry Ware, Usha Shivaswamy, Jerry McKean, Sharon Seager, Seth Carrier-Ladd

Visitor: John McKillip

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees started at 6:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie with a chalice lighting, opening words, and a check-in. Members of the Board and the minister read the Covenant.

There was a short discussion of the ideas presented in the first chapter of Thom Belote, ed., *The Growing Church: Keys to Congregational Vitality*.

Minutes of the August 17, 2016 UUCM Board meeting were approved as distributed.

The Board agenda for this meeting (9-21-16) was approved as distributed.

In the President's Report, Hanauer noted that the roof, as of September 10, still had a leak. She reported that the Grounds Vision Task Force has been meeting with small groups, including Religious Education and Property Maintenance.

The fall Congregational meeting is scheduled for October 23.

Hanauer reported that the worker hired to do landscaping has his own Worker's Compensation insurance policy. (This question had come up in recent discussions about the new Property and Umbrella Liability Insurance policy.) The church custodians, however, are not covered on their own. Hanauer expressed the opinion that they should be covered on the church policy.

Sherry Ware presented the Past President's report. The nominating committee has not yet been convened. The membership committee has not met. Seth Carrier-Ladd expressed a desire to meet with these committees.

Susan Bossung presented the Vice President's report, dealing with actions of the Program Council. There are particular concerns with the Adult Religious Education committee and the Communications Committee.

Treasurer Usha Shivaswamy presented a report showing Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison, as of August 31, 2016.

Minister Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd reported that the water ceremony was well received. The theme for the month of October is "Humility." The electronic resource Text-to-Give is being used. He is livestreaming his sermons, and regularly posts on the church's Facebook site. He reported that the Two Services Task Force will be reporting its findings and conclusions to the congregation next Sunday. He also announced that Caroline Sullivan has agreed to become a new Worship Associate. The webmaster Matt Davis is searching for a new "theme" for the

church website. The Board Retreat and Staff Retreat were both successful. He responded in an article published in the Unigram to some questions that had been raised about memorial services not including an open microphone. He defers to the family's wishes, but recommends against an open mic for various reasons.

Carrier-Ladd reported that the Our Whole Lives sexuality education program is being offered under the sponsorship of Religious Education.

Carrier-Ladd has talked with the youth about how they think they relate to the larger congregation. He encouraged them to consider serving on committees. Jerry McKean agreed to investigate details and possible complications.

New Business: Holly Hanauer will examine the existing rental policy regarding deposits, liability, and alcohol.

Weather policy was not discussed.

Unfinished Business: A response to the concerns of the Secular Humanists is being prepared, and drafts will be circulated to Board members for their comments and suggested revisions.

The meeting went into Executive Session.

Check out and adjournment was at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Seager, Secretary