

## UUCM Board Meeting March 15, 2017

Attendance: Board: President Holly Hanauer, Past President Sherry Ware, President-Elect Jerry McKean, Youth Representative Anna Dillinger, Secretary Sharon Seager, Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister. Absent: Vice President Susan Bossung, Treasurer Usha Shivaswamy absent because of illness.

The regularly-scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie began at 6:45 pm with a check-in, chalice lighting, and opening words. Members of the Board and the minister read the Covenant.

Minutes of the February 15, 201<sup>7</sup> meeting were approved, with one correction: on page 4, the Motion by Usha Shivaswamy "to authorize the purchase of 10 copies of 3 books about church growth" was corrected to read "the purchase of 10 copies of 2 books about church growth."

The Agenda was approved as distributed by Hanauer.

### Reports

President Holly Hanauer reported that the Green Team has been working to keep the congregation informed about bills in the state legislature that are related to clean energy. The Citizen's Climate Lobby is working for a federal carbon tax and dividend system, and may ask UUCM for an endorsement of their bill.

The UUA will elect a new president this year at General Assembly. There are three candidates who were introduced at last year's GA and have been campaigning throughout the year. Our congregation can choose 5 delegates and may choose whether to instruct those delegates how to vote. The delegates can vote online and do not have to attend GA. The Board will need to discuss this further at an upcoming meeting. Information on the candidates and the election process are available on the UUA's website.

President-Elect Jerry McKean indicated he will try to attend General Assembly this summer, and would be willing to be a delegate.

Past President Sherry Ware reported that the nominating committee is actively working to recruit officers for various positions in UUCM leadership.

In the absence of Susan Bossung, Rev. Seth reported that the Program Council has not met. All committee chairs need to submit a written report detailing their activities.

Anna Dillinger, Youth Representative, reported that the youth are working on fundraising for their mission trip to the Southwestern US and Mexican border next summer, to learn about immigration issues.

## **Motion**

Jerry McKean moved to insert a short paragraph into the UUCM Board minutes of November 16, 2016. This paragraph was omitted by the secretary's mistake: "Susan Bossung moved, and Sherry Ware seconded, to create a ministerial internship for Joel E. Tishkin. The internship will begin on August 15, 2017, and will last for 10 months. Tishkin's stipend will be \$10,000. Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd will supervise Tishkin's work."

The motion was seconded by Sherry Ware, and passed unanimously.

## **Reports**

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd reported that Sunday Worship services are going well. Attendance is up. The Youth Sunday service was particularly well-received, as was Music Appreciation Sunday. Two Sunday services will focus on Humanism.

He is doing a Webinar on mentor training, in preparation for working with Joel Tishkin. Fundraising for the internship has been successfully completed.

The Membership Committee is starting to implement the Faith Forward program. The first of the "Inquirer" series will meet at 9:30 am and will run for 8 weeks. New members have attended special dinners held for them on second Sundays.

Seth has created for the Board an electronic shared Google spreadsheet, to track tasks, whose assignment, completion or not.

Religious Education program is going well. The Coming-of-Age program will be implemented next year. There will be a High School Bridging ceremony.

The <sup>revised</sup> Communications Committee has not yet formulated a Facebook Policy. Rev. Seth has suggested holding an after-church conversation on April 2 to discuss the ways moderators might respond to difficult behavior.

President Holly Hanauer has been meeting with Lynn Hale to discuss possible amendments to the UUCM By-Laws. She suggested that the Board at this time present only the proposed revision to Article X, adding a Youth Representative to the Board, serving ex-officio until the youth reaches the age requirement for church membership.

**Motion** by Sherry Ware, seconded by Jerry McKean, to accept the proposed changes to Article X, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Holly Hanauer will consult with Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd, Youth Programs Coordinator, to follow up on details.

**Motion**

Sharon Seager moved, and Sherry Ware seconded, to accept the recommendation of the Two-Services Task Force that a 60% threshold of affirmative votes be required for implementation. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion**

Jerry McKean moved, and Sherry Ware seconded, that the vote on the Two-Services Task Force recommendation be an open ballot. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion**

Jerry McKean moved, and Sherry Ware seconded, to authorize the Treasurer to create a new checking account to hold all the Restricted Designated Funds, and to make the necessary transfers of money.

Jerry McKean reported on his communication with Linda Hanson and Eleanor Trawick about their plan to address the Pokagon deficit.

Board members briefly discussed the chapter in *The Growing Church* by Peter Morales.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.  
Respectfully submitted, Sharon Seager, Secretary.