

Attendance: President Holly Hanauer, presiding. Past President Sherry Ware, President-Elect Jerry McKean, Treasurer Usha Shivaswamy, Secretary Sharon Seager, Minister Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, John Bartlett.

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie began at 4:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to prepare for the upcoming meeting of the congregation on May 21, 2017.

Motion

Past President Sherry Ware moved that the Board appoint John Bartlett to fill the vacancy in the Vice President's position for the remainder of the current term. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Susan Bossung, effective May 1, 2017. Bartlett has already agreed to be nominated for the position of Vice President at the upcoming Congregational meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members discussed the several budget proposals which were prepared and presented to the Board at its last regularly monthly meeting on April 17.

Motion

Jerry McKean moved that the Board recommend to the Congregation the adoption of the "Suggested" budget as presented by the Finance Committee on April 17. Note: the Finance Committee also prepared two additional possible budgets: an "Austerity" budget and a "Request" budget. The motion to recommend the "Suggested" budget was approved unanimously.

There was discussion about ways to present some possibly controversial portions of the budget. The UUA publishes "Fair Share" guidelines regarding ministerial salaries. Even with the proposed adjustment to the minister's salary, it remains at the bottom of the UUA range. It also is quite low when compared with salaries of ministers in other comparable denominations in this region. If UUCM were faced with having to replace the minister, this would present a considerable problem.

McKean noted that the "Suggested" budget included a provision that a "Bridge the Gap" campaign be conducted in the fall, to address the anticipated deficit. This campaign would be the Board's responsibility.

Absentee ballots will be available in the church office on Friday, May 5, for those unable to attend the Congregational meeting on May 21. A copy of the "suggested" budget should be available for viewing.

The first item of business on the agenda for the May 21 Congregational meeting will be the vote on the Two-Services Proposal. If the proposal is approved (by a 60% margin), there should be an addendum to the budget, incorporating the money pledged specifically for the year-long trial.

UUCM Special Board Meeting May 3, 2017, 4:00 pm

The Office Administrator has been working to compile an accurate list of UUCM members who are eligible to vote. She has updated the list as of May 1, 2017.

A significant number of members are not presently eligible to vote, for various reasons, primarily that a "contribution of record" (any amount) needs to have been paid during the previous year. (by check or name on an envelope, with date)

Sherry Ware, Holly Hanauer, and Sharon Seager volunteered to try to contact, by letter or personal call, the members who are not at present eligible to vote. This would perhaps mitigate some anger and hard feelings. They will meet on Wednesday, May 10.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Seager, Secretary.