

Unitarian Universalist Church Of Muncie
Minutes of the Board Of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

In Attendance:

Board: Mary Johnson Robey - President - Present
Caroline Sullivan - President-Elect - Present
John Bartlett - Vice-President - Present
Jennifer Hollems - Treasurer - Present
Jerry McKean - Past President - Absent
Brandon Mundell - Secretary - Present
Joel Tishkin - Minister - Present

Guests: Maggie Bartlet

Motion to approve the March 13 Agenda as presented

Moved - John

Second – Caroline

Discussion -

Vote Yes - 4

No - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion Passed

Motion to approve the February 13 Minutes as proposed

Moved - John

Second - Caroline

Discussion -

Vote Yes - 3

No - 0

Abstain - 1

Motion Passed

Reports

President - See Attached Report

Vice President - See Attached Report

President Elect - See Attached Report

Past President - See Attached Report

Treasurer - See Attached Report

Minister – See Attached Report

Jim Helton will be using his funds to attend the Association of UU Musicians conference in Denver, CO in July

There will be a formal sending off ceremony for Outreach on May, 19

Hurley Goodall Statue Maintenance Fund fund-raising activity appeared to affect the dedicated offering. May need to better coordinate these activities in the future.

A fellow UU from the UUI congregation will be holding a charity comedy event to raise funds for a local charity at the UUCM in the near future. Building rent will be donated. Ric Dwenger is the UUCM contact and coordinator

Perhaps entertain a garden fair fund-raiser. (Suggested by the Office Administrator) Perhaps later in May. For this year, due to time constraints, we might combine this effort with the upcoming Service Auction, with a goal of an independent event for 2020.

Nominations are the responsibility of everyone. If you identify gifts and encourage them to participate, it may spread to more lay leadership.

Unfinished Business

Introduction - Disruptive Behavior Policy Discussion

Remains on Old Business

Introduction - Nominating Committee

Remains on Old Business

Motion

Moved -

Second -

Discussion - None

Vote Yes -

No -

Abstain -

Motion Passed

New Business

Introduction - Congregational Meeting, May 19

Announcement Schedule

Request Pulpit Announcements on May 5 and May 12 (Required in Bylaws)

Submit Unigram Announcement by 9:00 AM

Special Budget Process Meeting April, 17 6:30 PM

Announcement of special meeting of the board to congregation

Agenda will be finalized at the April Board of Trustees meeting.

Move to Old Business

Introduction - Inclement Weather Policy Revision

The webmaster should coordinate with the Minister regarding the format of the inclement weather announcements on the church website. (Should become part of the procedure manual)

Remains on Old Business

Board Action Assignments

Opening & Closing Readings for April meeting - John

Mary Johnson Robey will make an announcement to the congregation regarding the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 17 at 6:30 PM

Brandon Mundell will schedule the Unigram and Pulpit announcements for the May Congregational Meeting

All board members and congregation members should think about what they can offer for the Service Auction.

Jennifer Hollems will make a Pulpit Announcement in late March or early April reminding them to continue to give generously to fulfill their pledge commitments for fiscal year 2018/19

The Treasurer and the Minister will coordinate regarding significant uncollected pledges and inquire as to reasons why.

Board will review necessary board appointments to committees for the May Congregational Meeting

Visitor Questions – No Visitors

Joys & Concerns - Include for internal reference, delete for public distribution

Ron & Mona Burton are moving to Pittsburg, PA

Isis has a job and is moving to PA

Executive Session – Yes

Meeting Adjourned - 8:55 PM

Next Meeting - April 10, 2019 - 6:30 PM

Congregational Meeting - May 19

President's Report
March 13, 2019

Board Action Items:

Mary Johnson Robey will communicate the message to pledging units reminding them to continue to give generously to fulfill their pledge commitments for fiscal year 2018/19 via the March Splinters From The Board message in the Unigram: Wrote Splinters from the Board article about financial status of congregation.

Mary Johnson Robey & Jennifer Hollems will follow up with designated funds clarifications: Worked on logistics of designated funds policy. Meeting setup with Christie Williams to implement policy. Will report on status at March meeting.

Add Suggestion Session Information to the Agenda for the February Board of Trustees meeting: Sent suggestions data to CoM: Meeting with committee and chair, Linda McKean, later this month.

Rest of the month:

Revised inclement weather policy will present at March meeting for approval.

Participated in development of welcoming of sabbatical minister ceremony and participated in ceremony.

Volunteered for Service Auction for database involvement.

Roots & Wings class will not be offered in March as both Joel and Mary will not be at church on 2nd Sunday. Coordinated with Membership Committee chair, Eleanor Johnson. Mary will cover April and May since Joel will not be at church on second Sundays. He will be available on third Sunday for signing the book.

Met weekly with Joel and last Wednesday presidents' meeting.

President Elect Report
February 12, 2019

1. The long range planning task force is meeting March 14. Members of TF were to study spread sheet with committees interviewed, how they answered questions and then to summarize them. A time line will be set at this meeting.
2. Attended the presidents' meeting last Wednesday in March
3. Have agreed to chair the service auction because of dire financial conditions at UUCM. Jennifer Parks-Strack is continuing as co-chair and we are up and running. There will be a spotlight announcement Sunday and sheets will be available for donors to begin filling out.

Vice President's Report
March 13, 2019

Program Council:

Adult RE – Mike Sullivan reported for the Morning Discussion Group. It is working well with a strong set of mostly secular topics each week. About 15 is a good average attendance. They request that the minister look beyond Judeo-Christian traditions and look into secular history and thought for topics on sermons.

Fellowship – assisted with Pledging Sunday

Finance – Budget for current fiscal year looks behind. We will probably be 4-5K behind budget for the year

Fundraising – Water bottles

Membership – starting program called “Starting Point” of 3 sessions for people who want to know about the church. Working to develop more small group connections. They note that ZERO PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED THE BOOK THIS PROGRAM YEAR.

Property Maintenance – Water keeps backing up in the boiler room. The drain was cleaned prior to this year’s bazaar, so they are looking at the cause. Several tasks are waiting for better weather. Calling water company to find breaks in the water line.

RE – Teacher appreciation 3/17, OWL (Nicole Kaplan getting trained), Boston Bound about ½ way in fundraising goal.

Social Justice – completed the planning for Dedicated Offering through end of year

Stewardship – many positive comments about this year’s strategy.

Hospitality

Coffee will be ordered by captains now that we are no longer having the Chalice marketplace

Hymnals are being distributed because of no projector.

Youth Safety Task Force

Team met and is working on a revised draft. Will meet again in April when Elizabeth is back.

Webmaster – it was mentioned in the CoM sessions that links were broken and other things were hard to find. I requested that they send me issues and suggestions to make the site more friendly.

Past President's Report
March 12, 2019

Assisted the Service Auction committee in getting needed help. Caroline Sullivan has agreed to co-chair the committee, and other members have stepped up to assist as well.

Met with the Sabbatical Minister at the President's meeting on February 28.

Prepared the sermon and worked with Iris Chalk to prepare the Sunday service for March 10.

Chaired a meeting of the Nominating Committee, at which we discussed possible nominees for President-Elect.

Began planning for a Program Fair.