



Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

The UUCM Board of Trustees Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President Eleanor Trawick

In Attendance:

Board: Eleanor Trawick – President
Kirk Robey – President-Elect
Benjamin Strack – Past President
Steve Chalk – Vice President
Maggie Bartlett – Secretary
Joel Tishken- Minister
Susan Bossung -Incoming President-Elect
Lynn Hale – Incoming Vice President
Jane Duckworth – Acting Treasurer

Guests present: Bruce Craig

Absent: None

Consent Agenda

Approval of the June 27, 2023 Agenda, as amended

No Dissent

Motion Passed 6-0

Approval of the June 6, 2023 Minutes, as amended

No Dissent

Motion Passed 6-0

New Business

Minister's Report

Rev. Dr. Joel Tishken gave his report to the UUCM Board of Trustees. Rev. Tishken reported that Suzanne, the previous DRE, had spent very little of the allocated RE budget during the previous year. Rev. Tishken stated that Jesse Daniel, UUCM's new DLRE, would like to invest in some new curricula and other needed materials. Rev. Tishken spoke to the BoT regarding the possibility of rolling over remaining religious education expenses from budget year 2022-2023 into the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Rev. Tishken clarified that this applied to the RE expenses budget line, not the ADRE/DLRE professional expenses. BoT held discussion regarding this idea and researched the amount that was remaining in the 2022-2023 RE budget. This amount was \$4724.19.

Following discussion, Ben Strack moved that the BoT increase the line item for RE in the 2023-2024 RE Budget year by \$4700.00 (the amount left over from last year's budget).

Kirk Robey Seconded the motion.

President Trawick asked if there was any discussion of the motion. Discussion was held.

There was a call to a vote on the motion that the BoT increase the line item for RE in the 2023-2024 RE Budget year by \$4700.00.

No Dissention

Motion Passed 5-0

Rev. Joel Tishken stated that he wants to continue giving homilies based around a yearly theme in 2024. The theme for the next church year will be ***Return Again***. Rev. Tishken also spoke about the idea of having guest speakers come and be guest speakers without having an honorarium. The trade off would be offering the group the speaker represents dedicated offerings instead. Discussion was held on this idea with some reservations and supports being voiced.

Update on HVAC replacement

Bruce Craig gave the BoT an update on the HVAC replacement project. Mr. Craig has been in contact with potential contractors and has received updated information regarding pricing and logistics. Mr. Craig explained the differences in different types of systems and options. Mr. Craig stated that he will continue to gather information to be able to provide detailed reports for the congregation at the July 16th UUCM Congregational Meeting. Mr. Craig's emailed report is attached to these notes. Mr. Craig was heartily thanked for all his hard work on this project.

Financing the HVAC Replacement

The BoT held a discussion on financing the HVAC Replacement. President Trawick reported on financing given the new numbers given in Mr. Craigs HVAC Replacement reports. Ms. Trawick spoke regarding funding that could be used from a combination of various UUCM funds, a loan, and donors. Ms. Trawick reported several members have indicated they would donate significant amounts toward the HVAC replacement. President Trawick suggested forming a subcommittee on specific funding. Ben Strack suggested asking Kelsey Brasel to assist in funding due to her expertise. The subcommittee will meet on July 7th at 2:00 pm at UUCM. President Trawick will reach out to Kelsey Brasel.

Next unit in the UUA Leadership Training “[Guarding the Institution: Balancing Stability and Vision](#)” (UUA)

There was group discussion on “ [Guarding the Institution: Balancing Stability and Vision](#)” (UUA) from the UUA website. There was a lot of valuable information and resources included in this module. Members of the Board shared their thoughts on the various aspects of this learning module. The BoT spoke about the idea of a board retreat to onboard new members, yearly planning, and setting goals.

Approval of the Slate for 2023-2024

The BoT discussed the approval for the leadership slate presented to the board by the Nominating Committee for 2023-2024. The slate includes Susan Bossung – for President-Elect, Jane Duckworth for Treasurer, and Aryn Sweeney for Nominating Committee. Kirk Robey as President and Lynn Hale were not included in this slate as they were voted into their positions at the May congregational meeting.

A motion was made by Ben Strack to approve the leadership slate as presented of Susan Bossung for President-Elect, Jane Duckworth for Treasurer, and Aryn Sweeney for Nominating Committee.

The motion was Seconded by Eleanor Trawick
President Trawick asked if there was any discussion of the motion. There was no further discussion.

There was a call to a vote on the motion to approve the leadership slate as presented of Susan Bossung for President-Elect, Jane Duckworth for Treasurer, and Aryn Sweeney for Nominating Committee.

No Dissention

Motion Passed 5-0

Agenda for the July 16, 2023 congregational meeting

The BoT discussed the agenda for the upcoming UUCM Congregational Meeting that is scheduled to be held on July 16, 2023. Secretary Maggie Bartlett will submit notices regarding the upcoming congregational meeting and information to Christie Williams. Rev. Tishken will email the Worship Associates regarding a pulpit announcement. The BoT developed the following agenda for the July 16, 2023 congregational meeting.

1. Approve the minutes from the May 21, 2023 Congregational Meeting
2. Election of Slate of Officers for 2023-2024 part II (Susan Bossung, President-Elect; Jane Duckworth, Treasurer; Aryn Sweeney, Nominating Committee)
3. HVAC Report and HVAC Task Force recommendation.
4. Vote on the Recommendation from the HVAC Task Force
5. Recommendation from the Board of Trustees on Financing the HVAC Installation
6. Vote on the Recommendation on Financing the HVAC Installation
7. Adjournment

Old Business

Taking the offering in July

President Trawick moved to the next order of business, opening the church in July and arranging for individuals to help with collecting of offering. Rev. Tishken reported that members of staff, specifically Jessie Daniel and Rev. Tisken, are willing to open and close the church on Sundays. It was requested that BoT members continue to be responsible for arranging for individuals to collect offering as Jesse Daniel and Rev. Tishken have other duties that occupy them on Sunday mornings. BoT members volunteered for the following dates:

July 2- Elenaor Trawick
July 9 – Jane Duckworth
July 16 – Kirk Robey
July 23- Maggie Bartlett
July 30- Lynn Hale

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Review tasks to be completed this month:

President Trawick will reach out to Kelsey Brasel.

The Subcommittee of Kirk Robey, Eleanor Trawick, and Jane Duckworth will meet on the July 7th at 2 pm at UUCM to discuss and plan for HVAC funding.

Maggie Bartlett will write and submit notices regarding the upcoming Summer Congregational Meeting and send information to Christie Williams.

Rev. Tishken will email the Worship Associates regarding a pulpit announcement.

Lynn Hale will lead discussion on "[A Strange Partnership: Governance and Ministry](#)" (UUA) during the August Meeting.

Next Meeting: Opening and Closing Words – Susan Bossung

Process Observer for August 1, 2023 meeting – Eleanor Trawick

Feedback From Process Observer(s) None

Executive Session – NO

Meeting Adjourned – 9:15 PM

Next Regular Meeting – August 1, 2023 – 7:00 PM (In-Person with Virtual Option) *****

Respectfully submitted by:

BoT Secretary

Presiding Officer