

## **UUCSC Board Minutes – 2/15/2017 (Approved via e-Mail 2/25/17)**

**Present:** Elise Bender, VP Linda Whyte Burrell, Leah Canin, President Betsy Dalton, Clerk Mary Fulton, Treasurer Steve Harrison, Rev. David Helfer, Natalie Herbermann

**Absent:** Randi Marten, Sally Barney

**7:10** Invocation and Check in

**MOTION: Linda Whyte Burrell moves to ratify the minutes for the January Board Meeting as approved by email. Seconded.**

**Passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Elise Bender moves to ratify the e-vote taken 2/13/17.**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E-vote MOTION: Betsy Dalton moves that “The Board of Directors of UUCSC, on behalf of the UUCSC Congregation, approves UUCSC inclusion in the amicus brief re: the President of the USA's Executive Order barring refugees, and further approves UUCSC inclusion in all other amicus briefs making the same arguments in other cases”.**

**Passed with 8 YES votes and 1 NO.**

### **Monthly Reports:**

**Treasurer’s report: (Steve Harrison) Printed copy on file with the Board clerk.**

The report indicates that income is as good as this time last year but last year ended with a \$9600.00 deficit so fiscal restraint is still warranted. The transition to Quicken is ongoing. Steve is interested in training someone to take over the position of treasurer when his term of office expires in 2018.

**Minister’s Report (Rev. David Helfer) Printed copy on file with the Board clerk.**

Seven points are:

1. Thanks for a great 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration
2. The Social Justice committee is rejuvenated
3. Post-election anxiety is shifting to action
4. Two staff changes are being dealt with calmly and well
5. Multigenerational activities are happening
6. There was a youth con
7. Committee work is in high gear.

**Religious Education Report (E-mailed by Pam Santos) Printed**

**copy on file with the Board clerk.**

**Business At Hand:**

**1. UUCSC and UUA Events**

- a. Thank you to the many people who made the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner such a success.
- b. Concert:

**MOTION: Linda Whyte Burrell moves that the Board approve a plan to solicit sponsors, or donations, to augment the suggested \$10 donation to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. Religious freedom will be the topic for an interfaith service to be held May 21.
- d. The New England Regional Assembly will be April 21-22 in Woburn, MA. The UUA General Assembly will be June 21-25 in New Orleans. Information about both will be posted on a bulletin board in the Oneto Room. An inquiry will be made as to whether or not RE funds might help support youth participation at the General Assembly.

**2 and 3. Religious Education Director and Office Administrator Search**

The Personnel committee and the RE Search committee are updating job descriptions for both positions. Hiring is expected to take place in late March to mid-April.

**4. Celebrations**

Appropriate plans were made for saying farewell to Pam Santos and Kathy Carland.

**5. Installation update**

Planning is going well for food, music and the service.

**6. Follow-up on Social Justice sermon**

- a. Amicus Brief: A forum will take place after the service on March 12<sup>th</sup> to further discuss social justice related issues, including questions on the Interfaith Amicus Brief.
- b. Next local action steps: Rev. David will contact URI to

identify possible facilitators should we be able to arrange a critical conversation session at UUCSC.

c. Ministerial involvement in social justice actions: The Board affirmed that they support the minister's involvement in social actions that support UU principles, even if such action should lead to his arrest.

## **7. Fire Drill planning update**

More work needs to be done with the Facilities committee. The date the first drill should be set at the March Board meeting.

## **8. Other business:**

a. **Policy Handbook update:** Recommendations for changes were e-mailed to the Board. Four policies will need more extensive review.

b. **Capital Campaign:** Steve will clarify with the Finance Committee when to begin planning for one.

Adjourned 9:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Fulton, Clerk