

UUCSC Board Minutes – 3/15/2017 (Approved via e-mail 3/22/17)

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

Guest: David Floyd

7:00 Invocation and Check in

MOTION: Sally Barney moves to ratify the minutes for the February Board Meeting as approved by email. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports:

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

The Quicken report indicates a net loss of \$7000.00 year to date but the lack of similar records from previous years makes it difficult to determine how significant this is. Kathy Carland's final pay has been issued.

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

Rev. David's purchase of a house in Middlebridge will be concurrent with his installation and settling into the local community. The search for new staff members and the Women's March that was held in conjunction with Hera Gallery indicate that the congregation is moving forward well to meet new challenges. Rev. David will serve on the boards of RI Interfaith Power and Light and the RI Council of Churches.

Religious Education Report: (E-mailed by Pam Santos) Printed copy on file with the Board clerk.

Pam will be taking Tuesdays to spend with her family and working longer hours on the other days of the week.

Business At Hand:

1. UUCSC and UUA Events

- a. UUCSC 2017-18 Pledge Drive – **Began March 12 - Ends April 2** . Betsy Dalton will contact Dennis Bowman to

- offer Board assistance.
- b. UU Legislative Ministry of RI annual meeting, **Sunday, March 19, 2-4 pm**, Westminster UU, East Greenwich.
 - c. Reverend David Helfer's Installation – **Sunday, March 26 @ 3:00 pm**
The Board will stand during the Act of Installation as Betsy Dalton and Linda Whyte Burrell do the speaking parts.
 - d. Neruda String Concert, Saturday April 15 at 3:00pm
Betsy Dalton will speak to Michael Galib to determine how the search for sponsors and publicity are going.
 - e. Betsy Dalton will be attending the Northeast Regional UU Assembly on April 21st in Woburn, MA. Other members of the congregation are invited to drive with her.
 - f. The Interfaith service planned as part of our 25th Anniversary celebrations will take place May 21st. The theme will be religious freedom.
 - g. The UUCSC Annual meeting will be June 4th. Committee reports will need to be available by May 1st.

2. Music at Lily Pads

In June, David Floyd will retire after 7 years as the leader of the MLP folk music series. He spoke to the Board about the possibility of counseling another volunteer for the position, and/or brainstorming other musical fundraising events at UUCSC. The Board thanked David for his long-standing efforts and wished him well with his new endeavors.

3. UUCSC Staff Changes

The RE search committee looked at 10 resumes for the position of RE director and has set up interviews with 3 candidates. Should none of the candidates be successful we could hire an interim RE director for 1 year . There are several good candidates for the office administrator position. The transition team requested that Rev. David be compensated for the additional hours he is working to cover office duties. The Board, and Finance committee will investigate this possibility as the situation resolves.

4. Ministerial Preliminary Renewal Process

Forms were given to all of the Board members. We will meet at UUCSC on April 12th at 6:00pm for a working pizza dinner. A final copy of the Board report will be delivered to Rev. David by mid-May so the full congregational report can be submitted to the UUA by July 1st.

5. Social Justice – tabled due to lack of time

6. UUCSC Policies

The Coordinating Council notes were shared via email. Board members are urged to read the proposed policy changes closely so that they can be approved at the April Board meeting.

7. Fire Drill

MOTION: Leah Canin moves that we have one fire drill on May 14th. Seconded. Linda Whyte Burrell and Randi Marten had departed. Vote: 7 YES, 0 NO. PASSED

An announcement about the fire drill will be made at the service a week before and instructions will be folded into the Order of Service on May 14th.

8. Other business

The Board and RE committee are planning a farewell celebration for Pam Santos in conjunction with the Bridging Ceremony on June 11th.

Adjourned 9:10

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fulton, Clerk