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