

**Minutes of Board of Directors
Tuesday March 14, 2017**

Jean Pierce, President
Eric Jonke 2nd VP
Pat Vary, Secretary
Bob Swanson, Treasurer
David Moore, Director
Kathy Cornell, Director
Gail Tattersfield, Director
Brian Doyle, Director
Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister, ex officio
Christine Imielski, Congregational Administrator ex officio

Absent:

Nancy Christensen 1st VP

Others Present:

Bill Koehl
Pat Ward
George Tattersfield
Pat O'Malley
Kevin O'Neill
Sherri Casterline

Following an opening reflection by Gail Tattersfield and Board Member Check-in, the Regular reports were reviewed and Brian Doyle moved to accept, Gail Tattersfield seconded and the reports were approved.

Announcements:

Kathy Cornell went over the plans for the March 18 Day of Service. The Goal is to have 175 members participate in one or more of the activities, followed by dinner. She noted that the pledge drive will be for 3 weeks and urged every Board member to contact at least one person in our "friend-raising" goal.

The Board was reminded that it will host Coffee Hour on May 21st and that is the day of the UUSG Annual Meeting.

Preliminary Budget Report

Kevin O'Neill led the Board through the first version of the 2017-2018 proposed operating budget compiled by the Finance Committee. He also maintained his tradition of believing sugar helps the medicine go down and brought delicious goodies to share.

Congregational Gift

Pat Ward of the Heritage Committee presented the request to have a 175th anniversary Gift given by the Congregation to the Church, a tradition that has occurred every 25 to 50 years. In this case, they are requesting the means to preserve our UUSG History by scanning the papers, photographs, and digital records, in a form that will be accessible. A software program, including installation and training, has been researched thoroughly by our knowledgeable IT members (thanks mainly goes to Doreen Christiani) and costs \$2500.

After a clarifying discussion the Board approved the project following a motion by Pat Vary, Eric Jonke seconding. A special fund will be available for members to contribute to the gift.

Sanctuary Floor Proposal

Sherrri Casterline presented the three plans and possible costs scenarios for much needed refinishing of the Sanctuary floor. After much discussion, the Board asked her to contact the painter to clarify one of the options and to see if another option was possible. However, her request for permission to purchase the carpet the Board viewed last month was approved on a motion by Pat Vary seconded by Brian Doyle. The carpet should then be ready to install by the time the floor is painted, sometime by the end of April or first of May.

The Board endorsed Thom Thomas for Ministerial Fellowship.

Approved the LRE team members: The Board also approved Bill Pokorny, Jenny Montgomery, Jody Brown and Molly Zacker as the interim LRE team on a motion by Eric Jonke seconded by Dave Moore.

Special Congregational Meeting April 30

The Board approved a motion by Kathy Cornell, seconded by Dave Moore, to hold a Special Congregational Meeting April 30th to consider signing as a Congregation the UUA Statement of conscience and a Letter supporting the EPA. The Board, Social Justice and Green Sanctuary committees have already signed as advocates.

Email Policy: An email policy was discussed by the Board, giving guidelines as to what is appropriate use of the UUSG email directory. It was recommended that team leaders should discuss the policy with their teams.

Comments by UUSG Members and Friends

Bill Koehl told the Board that the Green team wants to go for a Green Sanctuary designation following the UUA guidelines. He stated that all of UU churches in the area except UUSG have complied.

The Board adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by Pat Vary, Secretary.

Opening words/reflection April: Pat May: Eric

Next Board Blogs – March: Kathy April: Nancy May: Bob June: Eric .