



**Board Members Present:**

Arianna Lambie	President
Joan Pederson	President-Elect
Kris Barker	Secretary
Beverly Bennett	
Margot Horn	
Kent Richmond	
Jim Proctor	
Joan Staples	
Finley Campbell	Alternate

**Others in Attendance**

Rev. David Schwartz	Co-Minister
Rev. Teri Schwartz	Co-Minister
Joanne Michalski	Treasurer

The meeting began at 7:07 pm with Chalice Lighting, opening words by Kent, and check-in of the members of the Board of Trustees.

**I. Schug Renovation Task Force Closure**

Grace Latibeaudiere Williams and her committee were thanked by Arianna and the board for their successful work on the Task Force. They have completed the task given and are officially disbanded. The work has inspired the congregation and will serve as one vision (among others) for the Capital Campaign.

**II. Finance Committees New Recommendation on the Endowment Fund**

1. Finley moved that we approve the Finance Committee Proposal that 100% of the First Unitarian Society of Chicago Account #610959 be withdrawn from the UUA Common Endowment Fund and deposited to an account of a nationally recognized and highly-rated financial institution whose investment platform allows the church to make an optimal selection of low cost and highly diversified investments.
2. Jim seconded the motion.
3. Motion Passed.

**III. By Laws Update**

Preparation for Feb. 21 Special Congregational Meeting

- Joan reviewed with the board the full proposal of Bylaw changes recommended by the committee to Articles V and VI.
1. Joan moved that the board approve the scope of the four recommended revisions for Article V and Article VII.
  2. Finley seconded.
  3. Motion Passed.

#### **IV. Capital Campaign**

Arianna updated the Board on the strategic planning process. Arianna, Grace, David Schwartz and Kris have been working to develop a one-page distilment of the feedback from the congregation over the past 6 years.

Arianna entertained questions about the Property Assessment Proposal from Errol Kirsch and Elara Engineering.

1. Finley moved that we accept the recommendation of the property committee to approve both proposal in Preparation for the Capital Campaign
  - Beverly seconded.
  - Motion carried.

#### **V. Canvass Process Update**

Jim has volunteer to lead the Canvass this year. The Canvass has a new name: Annual Pledge Drive.

- Canvass Circles will be the focus of the pledge drive this year. Main message: Lets get our house in order to get our house in order.
- A board member will be asked to be present at each circle.
- The message is going to consistent. Language will be consistent.
- Board members will be notified via email about Circle attendance.

#### **VI. Consent Agenda**

1. Tess has resigned from the Board due to work commitments.
  - Joan Pederson pointed out that this resignation would allow for a smoother transition to the new 7-member board in July. The current Board Members with one to two years of service remaining will be joined by two new members as designated by the Nominating Committee.
2. Minutes from January
  - Jim moved that the minutes of the January Board meeting be approved.
  - Kent seconded the motion.
  - The motion carried.
3. Ministers' report
  - Review of Strategic Planning process to date
  - The canvass is underway with Jim Proctor as the chair.
4. Treasure's Report
  - Richard Pardo is requesting a \$15,000 budget item for major repairs
  - Balance sheet- \$40,000.00 in the bank.
  - We are down about 10% on the Endowment Fund
5. Reminder about the Congregational Meeting this Sunday, February 21.
6. John Saphir is chairing the Nominating Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm with Closing Words from Kent.

*First Unitarian Board Meeting –February 18, 2016*