

First Unitarian Society of Chicago

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Trustees present: Joan Pederson (President), Christine Harrell, Margot Horn, Dennis Koehn, John Martin-Eatinger

Also present: Rev. David Schwartz, Rev. Teri Schwartz, Thom Thomas (Ministerial Intern)

Call to order and Margot offered words at 7:05

Check In

1) Beth provided written report. There is a longer report in Board folder. Joan shared report. RE Council chair, Mary Clare Bietila, chair stepped down. Get well cards to sign will be available on October 1, 2017.

2) Capital Campaign

- Capital Campaign team is Teri Schwartz and Joan Pederson for now. Currently, Joan wrote to three places looking for strategic plan consultants. Strategic plan will address long term plans for church and consider alternative ways for using capital campaign funds.
- Motion that Pratapas Associates be engaged as Capital Campaign consultants in keeping with their proposal. Dennis moved and Margot seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Communications (Margot Horn)

- Margot will lead communications team.
- This year will focus on high-level strategy.
- Margot will meet with Rev. David to map out a specific strategy.
- Tim Arehart is the newsletter editor. Jo Brill is the webmaster.
- Board will be support to the Communications team. Rev. David will be counsel.

4) Race and Leadership Development teams will report on their RASCI next month.

5) Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

6) Bylaws committee

- Motion to ask the congregation to approve a one word amendment to the bylaws, "five," to "four" in Article 6, Section 3, respecting the size of the Board. Dennis moved, Margot seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6) Raising Funds (Margot and Teri recruiting)

- The Raising Funds team will ask a member of the congregation to lead efforts in raising funds such as the auction.
- RE families might be a good source for team members. Team will consult with Beth Moss.

7) Consent Agenda

- Ministers' Report
  - The ministers' major areas of focus will be Worship, Capital Campaign and Membership.

- The Schug Teaching Congregation Program begins this year. Thom Thomas is the inaugural student minister. He will become an intern minister next year. He will be formally welcomed on October 1, 2017.
- Joan Pederson proposed a committee, led by a member of the Board, to evaluate ministers yearly.
- Margot Horn moved to accept minister's report. John Martin-Eatinger seconded.
- Treasurer
  - Joan Pederson reported on behalf of treasurer Michael Grosse.
  - FY18 Annual Budget reports a \$200 loss but budget presented to congregation was balanced. The actual net income as of August 31, 2017 was \$75,304.
  - Margot moved to accept Treasurer's report. Dennis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Music
  - Jeff Hamrick will report to Board meetings quarterly. Written report provided.

8) Motion to approve edited minutes of August 26, 2017 meeting. Dennis moved, John seconded. Motion passed as revised unanimously

9) Closing words

10) Adjournment at 9:19 p.m.