

Board Meeting March 25, 2018

UUCJ Board Meeting Agenda
Sunday, March 25, 2018

In attendance were Patricia Ice, Eric, Susan, Jermaine, Justin, and Brian Heffner.

1. Opening and Chalice Lighting 2. Check-in

3. Minutes from last regular board meeting

Corrections: Main Street should be State Street. Lisa Kersen is not on the Renee Rosenfeld account. Motion was made to accept the minutes with the corrections. Motion passed.

4. Reports – 50 minutes

a. Trustee Report (s) and Membership

1. Congregational and Board Covenants (Eric)

We never took the information from the board retreat and pulled it together in a covenant. We need to remember to do that after the next board event. Eric read a past board covenant. He noted that we need to be able to ask each other for help to get the work of the church done. Justin noted that covenant is about relationships. Eric said that we need to be willing to reach out to the Southern Region for mediation when the board is in conflict; it might be better than the Calm committee to have someone who is not emotionally invested in the situation. Justin said that he is uncomfortable mediating board disputes.

Eric suggested that we think about it over the next month so that we can all contribute to forming a covenant next month.

2. Update on UUCJ website

Ali should have website done within a week or two. Thomas has the newsletter up and running. Eric asked to have a PayPal link in newsletter.

3. Membership

We are out of membership forms, but we have had no new members added recently.

b. Treasurer's Report (not available)

1. Regular Financial Report including:

i. Charles Schwab account addition and revocation update (Patricia noted that the paperwork has been completed so now she is a signer along with Lisa Kersen.)

c. Minister's Report:

Though it is the end of March this report will cover the month of February.

I preached twice my first sermon was entitled "The Gift of a Life Once Lived," and my second started my series on UU History, "Our Unitarian Heritage," I found it important to begin working on UU heritage not only as an impetus to help the congregation better understand our heritage but also because this year is significant in Unitarian History. I attended services regularly through the month, including forum, as I have also been the first person in the building on Sundays and unlocked the door for forum.

I began my adult RE, 4-week program, with a study on the book, "Our Chosen Faith," We had a regular attendance of 5 on Wednesday nights, including one member who drove from Kosciusko for two meetings. Having taught two Adult RE classes on Wednesday nights I have found that there are people willing to come together in the middle of the week for fellowship and learning. I am going to looking into more regular offerings. I also practice regular Pastoral Care on Sundays and midweek with various members.

I have had regular conversations with all the members of the ministry council concerning the work they are doing and their planning. We are still in need of another chair for Exploring Our Beliefs over Religious Education. I am getting a lot of questions for potential members over the state of our RE program. I have also had the opportunity to digitize more sermons for access online. I will begin working with Thomas Grout, trying to figure out a better way to make those public online.

This month also gave me the opportunity to speak at the Capital for the kick off the poor people's campaign and attend services with the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference at the Islamic Center in Madison County.

I intend to go to Memphis for the the commemoration of MLK on the day he was killed, April 4.

d. Secretary's Report:

Susan had nothing new to report. Justin reported that Safe Harbor is renting space from an Anglican Church on Sunday nights in Clinton; he wondered about the possibility forming a coalition with them to share a space/administration.

e. President's Report

1. Patricia requested \$250 for an Ad in the souvenir program for Dialogue Jackson Friendship Ball on April 21, 2018. Bill Chandler is one of the 2 honorees. Eric moved that we find the \$250 funds to sponsor Dialogue Jackson. Seconded. Motion passed. We noted that we need to be promoting UUCJ in the community in other ways in the future.
2. Responsibility for duties not covered in by-laws (maintenance of electronic equipment, thermostat, office supplies, UUCJ keys for new Facility, grounds, etc.) To be discussed online.
3. Request to have Capital Campaign for property improvement: Patricia thinks we need to raise money for either or both properties. Justin said we should reach out to Southern Region for recommendations. Patricia will contact Connie Goodbread.
4. Transition Taskforce duty to gather information for the next congregational meeting to make a decision about selling or keeping the N. State St. and N. West St. properties: Brian Hefner will

arrange meetings with Taskforce so that we can have a decision at the May or June Congregational meeting.

Brian has a meeting on April 2 to meet with an architect to get information about improving the N. West St. property and costs for maintaining it.

Brian has found the best price of \$125 to mow the property once a month. He will zip-tie the gap in the fence.

We need to set a firm date for the Congregational Meeting in May.

5. Update on the need for Child Care worker and Nursery Policy update.

Kai Chambers is doing it until she leaves in May. Susan will ask Elena about filling in.

6. Ray Shenefelt has been removed from Schwab account and L. Patricia Ice was added to it. Lisa Kersen still on the account, and Maureen has not yet been added. L. Patricia Ice was added to the Renee Rosenfeld Regions' account. It was decided not to move the Renee Rosenfeld account to a different bank; it will stay at Regions.

7. 5th Saturday Clean-Up days: It will occur this Saturday, March 30. Eric proposes that we hold them every 5 weeks; we will refer this to the Ministry Council to decide.

8. UUCJ Social Justice Book Circle: UUA Common Read "Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity and Power in Ministry" and "Daring Democracy: Igniting power, Meaning, an Connection for the America We Want" and call for more participation.

e. President Elect's Report (not available)

1. Possible change of the \$100,000 bequest from BancorpSouth money market account to another type of higher interest bearing account, etc.

f. Other Reports (including Past President)

1. Brian Heffner's report on then State St and N. West St. properties

5. New Business – 5 minutes. Eric wants to start a chapter of CUUPS and needs a letter of support from the board or the minister.

Justin would like to hang 1000 cranes on the day of the congregational meeting.

Brian would like to rent a space in the new building and put in a no-till garden. The board will discuss this privately.

6. Announcements

The next board meeting will be April 8.

Eric would like to encourage everyone to attend game night, April 22.

Closing and Extinguishing the Chalice at 3:15.

