

Harrisonburg Unitarian Universalist Church

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: July 10, 2016 from Noon to 1:30 PM

1. Opening Items

- a Moment of reflection/reading of HUU Mission
- b Minute taker – Richard Wolf
- c Welcome to new board members Trudy Cole and Shirley Vassey. Orientations were scheduled. Rebecca H. and Jennifer P. were absent having giving prior notice.
- d June minutes distributed earlier and approved.
- e Review of agenda for changes/additions
- f Welcome to friends from the UU Church of Hagerstown (Max Poston, Donna Catling, Bill Pfoutz, Yvonne Pfoutz, Jerry Harness). Agenda was revised to provide for discussion with UUCH leadership as our first item.

2. Conversation with UUCH leadership

- a. A Sep. 10 workshop on church growth in Glen Allen VA at which common resourcing and collaboration may take place. (UUCH benefitted from a prior consultation on church growth, and report current Sunday Service attendance a large percentage of membership.)
- b. The question was raised as to what we can we learn from each other in terms of quality of Sunday Service and participation of ordained ministers.
- c. Successes in UUA / Common Read book services and use of square readers and paypal were reported.
- d. Sharing ideas re: staffing, resources, and recruitment were recommended.
- e. UUCH provided print Annual Reports and current newsletter copies. HUU will be put on their mailing list.
- f. HUU leadership will be referred to UUCH ministerial peers (re: worship, membership, finance, education, ...) for pursuit of collaborative initiatives.

3. DCRE Orientation

- a. Kathryn Staub's start date is still to be determined following her being unavailable to attend Star Island training.
- b. Wonshe reported Kathryn visiting the R.E. building and planning for setting up the environment while discerning / selecting a program / resources and planning for integration with Sunday Services. She is accessing UUA resources for mixed ages.
- c. Recommendations were as follows: Wonshe will follow-up and clarify a start-date and plans for orientation; Kathryn will be referred to Julie Caran as a resource / consult; possible UU mentors for Kathryn include Linda Dove, David Lane, and Martha Sider; consultative contact with the Waynesboro congregation is also recommended to Kathryn as a possible resource.

4. Old Business:

- a. Members reported on their shared book experience, progress, or need to begin

5. New Business:

- a. A \$300 donation to the UU Church of Charleston was approved for West Virginia flood relief efforts
- b. a \$250 sponsorship for the Harrisonburg International Festival was approved
- c. Plans were re-iterated for member attendance at the UUA Church Growth workshop on September 10th. There will be no board meeting on the 11th. A van rental is proposed.
- d. A \$50.00 donation to the Harrisonburg Pride Festival on July 23 was approved. Needs for table staffing were discussed.
- e. Agenda items for August 14th Board meeting will be solicited by email earlier than usual.
- f. The Board Retreat is scheduled for October 1st
- g. Shirley and Richard will cover facilitation of the July 31st Town Hall Meeting

6. CLC Update:

- a. Scheduling confirmations and orientations are proceeding with our new DCRE Kathryn Staub
- b. Follow-up intention / visioning meetings are proceeding with HUU committees

7. Updates / Community Feedback:

- a. Joni Gray will serve as Worship Committee chair through 1/17

- b. Grayson will contact Charlie S. about plantings
- c. Many thanks to Pat G. for her on-going service and recent successful webpage and email transfer to Bluehost
- d. the women's restroom may now or soon be in need of refreshment

Looking Forward / Pending:

- Potluck Committee Spotlight Series
 - Adult RE in September
- October 30th 5th Sunday Town Hall
- Implementation of Safe Church
- Policy for subsidies for UUGA participation
- Follow—ups with congregational collaborations