

UU Nashua Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
December 09, 2013

Present: Ellen Fisher, Harry Purkhiser, Mary Licking, Lance Pratt, Pat Ladew, Kate O' Shea, David Hudson, Mike Wilt, Carol Wagner, Reverend Olivia Holmes

Note: There is one vacant position on the BoT. Ellen has notified the Nominating Committee of the BoT's request for Nominating Committee to advise the BoT about filling the vacant position on the BoT. (See Consent Agenda below)

Timekeeper for each agenda item of the meeting was Mary. A Check In was performed during which a BoT member could share a word or two with the group. Some members did. Ellen performed the chalice lighting.

A motion passed made by Harry and seconded by Lance to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the November 11th 2013 BoT meeting minutes and the appointment of Carol Wagner to the BoT per the Nominating Committee recommendation.

Mike gave the Treasurer's Report which included a progress report on the 2013-14 budget balancing. A motion passed made by David and seconded by Harry to accept the report. It was the consensus of the BoT to suggest to the committee that a perpetual date for future auctions be considered.

The Executive Committee gave a report on a request from White Wing. The Executive Committee did not recommend approval of a White Wing request for the church to reduce the contribution from White Wing for this year. In the discussion mention was made of the fact that White Wing has a reserve fund from which they can draw the amount in question should they choose to do so.

Policy governance implementation that is ongoing is presently focused on draft "Ends Statements", the consideration of which was presented by Pat and Ellen. Upon completion, the ends statements will replace the Purposes and Goals section of our church documents. Additionally, Ellen made presentation of Overall Policy Outline from Unity Church. See the attachments on this topic of which two pages are draft ends statements developed by Pat and Ellen and one page is a page from the index of the policies of the Unity Church (St. Paul, Minnesota). The index is included to give some idea of the policies

that church has put in place to implement policy governance and in the discussion it was noted those policies reflect the priorities of that particular church.

A report on Safety Manual Development & the Upcoming Fire Drill was presented by Ellen. Also, the BoT considered policy regarding guns with the discussion being an overview of the issues involved which were many.

Dave gave a report on BoT support needed for the Stewardship Campaign.

The BoT signed Christmas cards for Staff and Search Committee members. David Hudson made a motion that Pat seconded for the church to finance a holiday luncheon for Staff.

On December 8th, 2013 and at the invitation of the Religious Education Committee, the following BoT members attended at UU Nashua the discussion, Designing UU Religious Education for the Future, led by guest speaker, Mr. Barb Greve: Harry, Kate, Lance, and Mary. Kate and Lance spoke about the issues it raised. Rev. Olivia also attended.

In volunteering for tasks, the BoT agreed to 1) a schedule for providing Words of Welcome at services (see List #1), 2) Computer Graphics Help for Sandy [UU Nashua Sexton] (Emergency Exit Diagrams) (see List #2), and 3) complete the following tasks that were generated from the Workshop with Unity Consulting on Policy Governance (Ends Statements) that was held October 14th (see List #3), 4) continue to search for a Co-Chair to serve with Co-Chair Russ Leonard for the 2014 Stewardship Campaign (see List #4), and 5) serve as liaison to Auction Committee to find a perpetual date for future auctions (see List #5).

The next regularly scheduled BoT Meeting is Monday, January 13th, 2014 (see List #6 for other important near term dates and the time set for the regularly scheduled BoT meeting).

Rev. Olivia gave the closing words that accompanied the extinguishing of the chalice.

Lists #1 through #4

List #1

Words of Welcome
& Church Service
Announcements:

December 15	Lance
December 22	Ellen
December 29	Dave
January 5	Mary
January 12	Harry

List #2

Computer Graphics Help for Sandy [UU Nashua Sexton] (Emergency Exit Diagrams)

1. Kate

List #3

Tasks generated from the Workshop on Policy Governance (Ends Statements) that was held October 14th:

- A) Further “How has connection to this church changed your life” research
 1. Ellen, 2. Harry, 3. Mike, 4. Mary, 5. Lance, 6. Kate, 7. Pat, 8. David
- B) Draft Ends Statements
 1. Ellen 2. Pat

List #4

Continue search for another Co-Chair to serve with Co-Chair Russ Leonard for the 2014 Stewardship Campaign:

1. Ellen

List #5

Serve as liaison to Auction Committee regarding BoT suggestion to set perpetual date for auction:

1. Mary

List #6

Monday, January 11th, (7 pm) Next regular BoT meeting

Reminder: regularly scheduled BoT meeting times have been moved to the second Monday night of the month.

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Mary Licking,

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