

**Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
April 19, 2016**

Minutes by Kenneth Jones

Present: Mike Condit, Linda Condit, Wade Greiner, Nancy Lipp, Mark Andersen, Ruth Alkons-Wolinsky, Richard Loftin, Kenneth Jones, Katy Carpmann

Not Present: Barbara Crotty, Beth Hammer, Craig Miller, and Karen Van Horn.
The ministers are on sabbatical.

Meeting convened by Mike at 7:02

Chalice lighting and reading (Katy)

President's Report: 3 weeks into the minister sabbatical. and things are proceeding well. One issue that has been resolved is the UUA's position on the Boy Scouts that one member was upset about. Mike mentioned that the Investment Committee has added 3 members, Betsy Gelb, Bill Hammons, and Billye Smith. KJ Moved, Mark A 2nd, unanimously approved. Mike welcomed KJ to the board who replaces Victor Koosh and voted on unanimously by the BOT. KJ has resigned from the Nominating Committee and has been replaced by Shannon Butler. The BOT approved this substitution.

Approve March Board minutes – as the minutes were just provided, the minutes approval will be tabled until next meeting.

Welcome New Members – Collin Mehta and Jane Doe

Consent Reports:

- RE Director – Katy reported the CoA will be in 2 weeks, attended a Youth Conference

Will have another RE Innovation Conversation on May 15th. Other particulars are contained in her report.

- Business Administrator – Karen's report was reviewed, namely the recent rain damage in the Bride's room, Narthex ladies room, cry room. Estimates have been arranged for next week.

Treasurer – Linda Condit highlighted two points in her report on March financials. She said that income from 2016 pledges improved significantly in March from \$17,638 to \$43,222, but there is still about a \$10,000 gap with monthly expenses. Statements go out this week, which should prompt additional pledge payments. She also explained that pledges made increased about \$16,000 to \$537,771, which is a firmer number than we reported last time but is still well below the budgeted \$635,000. At this point 152 member units and 10 friend units have pledged. This still leaves 102 or 40% of member units unpledged.

She also said that the Board responded to the call by the Finance Committee to formalize a Stewardship Committee with a new Chair who can commit more time to the function. This group met last week, and plans are underway for ramped up fund-raising.

- Committee Liaisons – Mark reported on the Communications committee – concern re committees failing to communicate their advertising needs – the BOT will investigate ways to streamline communications,
- Adult RE will plan to be more flexible in terms of ARE offerings in the fall, there will be summer offerings in regard to photography and social media with a view to broadening participation in using technology
- The Power of Words – by MA - This is the text of the class proposal:

Would you like help writing about your faith journey? Emerson will host a class titled The Power of Words to help people articulate their story. The classes will run for eight sessions beginning Thursday, May 19. Registration details are in the Emerson newsletter.

New Business

- Report on Meeting of President's Task Force on the Sanctuary Movement – KJ updated the plan.
- New Stewardship Committee – the attempt is to formalize stewardship – to make giving a priority – and to develop a formal structure to put finances on a steady basis. Mike outlined some of the plans this committee will formalize for 2016. In 2017 there will be a formal canvas.
- Board Secretary position – Mike asked the BOT for recommendations to replace KJ as BOT secretary

May 8th KJ will perform the welcoming Pulpit duties

Old Business

- Kilgore Lecture – Mike reports that Lisa Falkenberg is lined up and needs to pick a date in September – Mike to follow up with more specifics
- Auction and Fund a Need Update – Nancy addressed the idea of minimums for dinners -
- Church Security Update – Mike mentioned the sub-group to discuss security issues. This group has not met. Mark will check on getting the group convened.

Next Meeting – May 17 – Mark A will provide the meal

Closing reading (Katy)

Adjournment