

Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
September 20, 2016

Members Present: Mike Condit (MC), Linda Condit (LC), Kenneth Jones (KJ), Nancy Lipp (NL), Ruth Alkons-Wolinsky (RA-W), Becky Edmiston-Lange (BE-L), Richard Loftin (RL), Beth Hammer (BH), Craig Miller (CM), Wade Greiner (WG), Katy Carpman (KC) and Karen Van Horn (KVH).

Members Not Present: Barbara Crotty (BC), Mark Edmiston-Lange (ME-L), and Mark Andersen (MA)

Chalice lighting and reading (Becky)

Minutes by KJ

President's Report - by Mike Condit – no report was provided.

Approve August Board minutes – the August minutes were reviewed, changes were noted, and RA-W moved to approve as indicated, 2nd by CM, unanimously approved

Welcome New Members: (BE-L) advised of 2 new members, Lisa Rockett, Veronica Davis were presented to the BOT.

Consent Reports:

- Ministers – Becky reported on her activities since returning from the sabbatical and then Mark's cancer diagnosis. While the latter has resulted in limitations on the minister's time, they have managed to attend to her pastoral and administrative duties.
- RE Director – Katy reported that the 2016-2017 program has been initiated and the program is in full-swing. She reported her schedule for the up-coming weeks and months
- Business Administrator – KVH reported on the August financials. Pledges will need to improve over the next few months.
- Treasurer's Report Linda Condit, Treasurer, said that there were no surprises in income or expenses in August. There is a year-to-date surplus partly because of a sizable payment of pledges in July. She said that the pledges for 2016 continued to rise to just over \$596,00, an increase of roughly \$3,500 from August. Increases in 2016 pledges are expected to slow because of the start of the 2017 pledge drive and a shift of focus to that. The church has 179 member pledging units, an impressive increase from 135 in the January.
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New Business

- Fund a Need naming of the prairie contest. The name that is requested BOT approval is Walden Prairie – BH Moved, WG 2nd, BOT unanimously approved
- Additional Thoughts on BOT Retreat – MC expressed his approval of the retreat in terms of cohesiveness of the BOT. It was expressed that in the future morning announcements will include a Share-the-Plate report. MC will approach Ann May. B E-L mentioned that she was pleased the BOT agreed to form a sub-committee to inter-face with the ESL program. BH, BC, and KJ will comprise the sub-committee. MC will contact Ann May and Carol Huelbig to report on the Fund-A-Need work that has and will be done. The share the plate will be reported on the 3rd Sunday
- Update on Fellowship and Stewardship Dinner October 15 – MC reported Larry Huelbig, and R A-W are moving forward on preparations for the dinner. Advertising is moving forward.
- Update on Tree issue: MC reports that the parties will split the cost of removal, no liability for the fence, but the stump grinding wasn't included. The total cost of the removal/stump grinding will be approximately \$1,600.00. The BOT will wait to make a decision when the agreement is finalized.

The cost of removing 3 other trees might be as much as \$300 per tree. This decision was tabled for a later date.

- Additional New Business – KJ reported on the screening of The Other Side of the Road, October 14th.

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- Stewardship Update – no new reports were issued
- Kilgore Lecture Oct 6

Closing reading (Becky)

Next BOT Meeting – October 18

Adjournment