

## **FUS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes January 22, 2014**

Trustees in attendance: Mike Illes, Bruce Nelson, Polly Peterson, Scott Eller, Madalyn Cioci, JD Rickard, & Sue Tincher, Martha Hardesty, and Heather Morse  
Others in attendance: Rev. David Breeden (via Skype), treasurer Allan Callander, and intern Laura Thompson

Meeting called to order at 6:31PM.

Announcements / Appreciations: Announcing the Feb. 9 Secular Coalition Forum program – Board members should spread the word and make every effort to attend. Thanks to Barb Watts for preparing dinner tonight. Great appreciation for all who contributed to the very successful Solstice Celebration. Appreciation for the cooks of the Sunday coffee hour lunches. Appreciation to Kevin Watson for assistance to the Installation Task Force.

The FUS Board Covenant was reviewed.

### **Discussion items:**

Meeting attendees engaged in a strategic exercise, which will be done at Saturday's leadership meeting. All were asked to pretend it is 2035 and we are writing a letter about the "current" FUS a person who has not been a member since 2014. Madalyn collected copies of the "letters." Board members thought was very useful exercise. Laura observed that this concept could inspire a sermon.

Treasurer's report: The Finance Committee has recommended a timetable for preparing the 2014-15 budget. Recommended task force for budget - Board Chair, Vice chair, ... Feedback on last year's budget presentation. Minister funds will rename summer minister fund. There will be Forum program on the budget on April 13.

Madalyn solicited Board input on a question being addressed by the Governance Task Force: what would be the appropriate approach to facilities planning & decisions. Board member comments included: facilities decisions should be rooted in FUS purpose is being fulfilled, GTF should recommend guidelines to determine which committee should be making decisions, should the B&G task group also address art in the gallery, perhaps the staff member assigned to a task group should decide whether a decision of that task group decision needs to be brought to the Board for approval.

Made in Minnesota solar proposal -- More discussion necessary. Are interested, but need more facts. If a proposal is ready by the February Board meeting, we will consider.

Martha gave an update on David's Installation planning. The task force is still searching for a speaker. They are considering possibility of splitting the installation to two parts, to

enable scheduling of an appropriate nationally recognized speaker.

Status of Trusteed positions to fill at next Annual Meeting:

- Polly will step off the Board after one year of a two year term.
- Heather & Scott are yet undecided if they wish to run for another term.
- Bruce will be terming out.
- Allan is interested in being nominated

Task items review - All items have been accomplished.

**Board actions:**

The Consent Agenda items was approved:

- Minutes of the December Board of Trustees meeting

A motion was approved for a second special collection to be taken Sunday 2/26 (the second in February) for the St. Stephens Human Services.

A motion was approved to adopt the Governance Policy 200.0 parts I, II, III, and IV.

An Annual Meeting Task Force was appointed: Polly, Bruce, & Scott

A Minister Evaluation Task Force was appointed: Martha, Heather, JD, Madalyn

**Task list:**

Bruce to “maintain” the adopted sections of the Governance Policy per the Governance Policy just adopted.

Heather & Scott to decide if they wish to be nominated for another term on the Board

**Thinking Ahead**

Next “Confluence” edition will include information on David’s Installation plans

HR review update/staffing

Discussion of setting minimum pledge and who approves pledge waivers

Approve Service Auction Projects

Respectfully submitted  
Bruce Nelson, Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees 2/26/14