

# First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2015

### I. Call to order

Mike Illes called to order the special meeting of the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis Board of Trustees at 2:52 p.m. on August 2, 2015 at the house of Allan Callander. This meeting was to vote on the Capital Campaign Task Force proposal, and took place within the context of the annual Board Retreat which ran from 1:00-5:00.

### II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Mike Illes (chair), Allan Callander (treasurer), Holly Anderson, Phil Duran, Scott Eller, Katrina Lassegard, Joyce Riedesel, Rev. Jim Foti and Rev. David Breeden.

### III. Reports and Discussion

**a) Report from CCTF co-chair:** The Board received an oral report from Greg Giles, co-chair of the CCTF. There was a lot of good information and a handout with a timeline on one side and a giving tree on the other. Greg discussed the next steps of CCTF and made a request that the board think about whether to authorize spending funds for a professional fundraiser for an outside early feasibility study. We asked questions and deliberated on Greg's request from the co-chairs of the CCTF. See board business section.

**b) Minister's Report:** Rev. David Breeden reported that staffing will be changing in the fall with the separation of the DRE. We talked about the communication of this change and needing both a short term and long term plan for replacement. Rev. David also spoke about the exciting findings from the Journey Mapping process and some of the initiatives which will be implemented in the fall.

### IV. Board Business

**a) Request from CCTF for fundraiser feasibility study:** Greg Giles explained that the CCTF was split on whether to use \$15,000 for an outside person to do a feasibility study for the capital campaign. There were arguments to be made for both sides. Katrina moved "to fund a feasibility study for \$15,000", Joyce seconded. After further discussion it was decided that Greg Giles and Mark Johnson could undertake a small (and adequate) feasibility study and the funds

did not need to be released. The motion did not pass. Mike agreed to communicate the decision to Greg Giles and express our confidence that he and Mark would do an excellent job. Nevertheless, if circumstances change and they later feel a consultant would be appropriate, we encourage them to come back to us with that request.

**V. Thinking ahead**

- a) **Different pieces to talk about at future board meetings** – The board should think about a standing communications committee of the board. New labor laws are coming into effect next year and we should be aware (from Holly). We need to schedule the staff appreciation event (usually in January).
- b) **Adjournment:** Mike Illes adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Illes