

First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 26, 2017

1. Roll Call

- a. Allan Callander, Phil Duran, Barb Lutz, Sue Tincher, Joyce Riedesel, Mike Illes, Shelley Shreffler, Holly Anderson, Jim Foti, David Breeden

2. Consent agenda

- a. The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

3. Staff reports: David

- a. Spring Assembly attendance has been flat compared to last year. We might see that as a victory, given construction on the roads and building, but it may be best to consider it a warning to further explore ways to create “FOMO.”
- b. Summer Assembly planning is going forward. Kelli will be doing the programming.
- c. A proposal to “sponsor” Anthony Cruz, Inter-American University of Puerto Rico. He requires a sponsoring congregation
- d. A DRE Search Team has been formed: Kari Harris, Deb Snouffer, Kim Horton, Clare Priest, and Matt Hoenck. In addition, Kari Harris, who will be the RE Committee chair next year is working on a new mission statement for the committee. We hope to reorient the mission of the RE Committee away from advocacy and DRE-management and toward volunteer development. This would include using the Hopp Hendrickson Fund for volunteer training and retention and liberal parenting training with outside speakers.
- e. The Downtown Senior Clergy had breakfast with Mayor Hodges. We offered support for the “sanctuary city” stance Minneapolis has taken. We learned details about the Twenty-First Century Policing initiative.
- f. The screening of the movie *A Better Life* had a few over thirty attendees.

4. Assistant Minister Report: Jim

- a. The drop-in adult programs before and after assembly (First Hour and noon) continued to do well this month, even with the favorable weather. We will try one or two noon programs in May but otherwise scale back that time slot (May Day, Mother’s Day, the annual meeting, Memorial Day
- b. “Talk of the Talk” post-assembly discussion experiment on Easter went well, so we’ll try more of those in the future (based on minister availability) as an easy way for anyone to engage with theology, philosophy, and fellow congregants.
- c. We welcomed 14 new members (2 in absentia) on New Member Sunday, April 23.
- d. Visitor numbers seem to have slowed a bit, more like a half-dozen rather than a dozen in recent weeks. Congregants have been very welcoming.

- e. Staff and volunteers have been adding photos to Breeze, to help current and incoming staff put faces with names.
- f. Young adult outings have not been well-attended; looking at options for that demographic.

5. Treasurers Report: Allan

- a. Stewardship and Finance both meet this week. The Stewardship Committee is still calling people to remind them to fulfill their pledges. Expenses are on track. Office expenses are much better than forecast.
- b. Budget preview: Allan read his letter to the congregation about the designated funds and the new budget. It will be posted on the website with the agenda and the budget for members to see before the annual meeting. We are looking for a 4% increase. Non-pledge support has been lowered. We are missing 2 months of rent from Gaia. We are looking to an increase for rental. The budget needs to be final before the Annual Meeting. Allan will email the revised budget to the board members and we will meet after Assembly on Sunday, April 30th.

6. Capital Campaign Report: Mike

- a. The Project Management committee met April 25th. We are about one third through the construction. The boiler goes out in pieces starting tomorrow. The first thing to be finished is the bathrooms on the second level. Much is going on but isn't visible. All the radiators are gone and piping has been removed. The A Team has made choices for finishes.

7. Annual Meeting May 21st at 12:15 pm

- a. Logistics are fine. The announcement in the order of service will run for the next three Sundays.
- b. The committee would like to send a postcard as the announcement to each member unit including the URL for the documents.

8. Future Events

- a. As a kick-off of Humanist Center activities, FUS will host a major social justice seminar on Saturday, May 27th.
- b. Next meeting is May 24th.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:14 pm.

Please recognize for membership:

Judy Kurtz

Pauline Mitchell

John Mitchell

Carole Karmierski

Sid Korpi

Kathleen Quinn

Emma Mogendorff

Andrew Mogendorff

Pat Donohue

(These individuals signed the membership book since the last board meeting.)