

UUCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2016

6:30 in 23 Edwin Board Room

Members present: John Bates-President, Wendy Seligmann-Vice President, Carol Shultheis-Clerk, Mark Ward, Tom Blanford, Sheldon Altschul, Martha Kiger, Robin Loew, Dale Wachowiak, Michelle Gregory

Chalice lighting: Tom

Consent Agenda: December minutes approved. Monthly financial report deferred to February.

What's Happening – Recent flooding of basement of 23 Edwin Place. There is some apparent problem with the structural basement foundation. Larry Holt and engineer will be studying the problem.

To avoid confusion on Sunday mornings, Share the Plate will now be named Community Sharing. All monies deposited in the offering at the service will be directed here. A box will be placed near the entrance door for pledge payments.

2016-17 Budget - Some changes are being suggested in staff to avoid the constantly recurring budget deficit. Since personnel is by far the largest budget item, this is the only source for significantly cutting the budget. Additional issues of underpaid staff, inadequate professional expense budget, and a need to increase the gift to UUA.

The proposed budget was discussed at length

MOTION – The board accepts the recommended budget for 2016-17. The motion passed unanimously

The Leadership Development committee will attend the February Board meeting.

Retention of members was discussed. Ways of addressing - In the past year what difference has being a member of UUCA made in your life? The Membership Coordinator will attend the March meeting.

Closing – Tom

Executive Session

Submitted by Carol Shultheis, Clerk