UUCA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

23 Edwin Place

October 1st, 2019

Present: Louise Anderson, Michael Beech, Cecil Bennett, Nora Carpenter, Clyde Hardin, James Schall, Ryan Williams, Mark Ward (Ex-Officio)

Guests: Tiffany Sapp, Rev. Jeff Jones (each separately for about 20 minutes of the meeting)

Chalice Lighting/Opening Reading: Cecil

Getting to Know One Another: Board members each described a time in their lives when they experienced a transition.

Tiffany Sapp Interview : Tiffany has presented herself to UUCA as a candidate to be an Affiliated Community Minister. She currently resides in Johnson City, TN where she is a doing a full-time chaplaincy residency at Johnson City Medical Center, having recently completed her internship at the Holston Valley UU Church (Gray, TN). She hopes to make weekly trips to UUCA (the nearest "affiliated" UU congregation), where could lead worship, lead a class for UUCA congregants, or facilitate a covenant group. A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept TIffany as an ACM.

Old Business:

Board minutes: The August 2019 minutes were approved unanimously. Also, we briefly discussed ways to approve minutes sooner, for earlier external distribution. Ryan volunteered to create a blurb for the eNews describing meeting activities.

Healthy Congregation: Mark suggested the following candidates for the Healthy Congregation committee: Billy Gray, Katherine Murphy, Michelle Reines, Dale Wachowiak.

Safety Report Update: Ryan noted that he got a "big folder" of historical information from Linda Topp on safety-related activities and is in the

process of forming a new committee. Candidate members for this committee are Michael Beech, Wink Zachritz, Ben Fleming, Kim Stewart, Greg Gregory. This committee will be confirmed by/at the next meeting.

New Business:

Next Board Meeting: Because of conflicts with Mark's international travel schedule, we have moved the November meeting back a week to November 12th.

What's Happening: Mark went through his report, hitting a few highlights, for example: Mark reminded us of this year's deficit budget and our need to remain vigilant about expenditures; he encouraged the Board to have our photos done for the new photo directory; we had a brief discussion of the recent break-in.

Limitations C and H: Mark led us through a brief discussion of these limitations.

Funds Report: Mark delivered a document entitled "FUNDS" which categorizes and describes all the various funds maintained by UUCA. (We did not discuss the document.)

Congregational Board Member Training: Ryan introduced the training modules for congregational board members developed and maintained by the UUA (https://www.uua.org/leadership/programs/board-training), that Ryan and Cecil are taking online. We decided that we as a Board would tackle one module per week. Board members would study the assigned module and come prepared to discuss it, with Ryan facilitating. So, for the November meeting, the Board members should familiarize themselves with the first module ("Call of Duty – Governance Basics").

Jeff Jones Interview : Jeff Jones, a veteran UU minister and a member of UUCA, also presented himself as a candidate to be Affiliated Community Minister with us. Jeff recently left a long career in parish ministry to pursue expressly a community ministry consistent with his interests in compassionate living practices. Examples include teaching and practicing Nonviolent Communications (NVC), vegan living, and advocacy for public transportation. Jeff expects to create

a covenant with UUCA ministers defining his role as an affiliate of UUCA. A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept Jeff as an ACM.

Closing Reading: Cecil

Executive Session

Minutes submitted by Clyde Hardin

November Volunteers: *Dishes* – Ryan; *Dinner* – Nora; *Readings* – Clyde; *Blog* – Cecil; *Meet Your Board* – Nora and Michael

Board Council Meeting: October 29th **Board Meeting:** November 12th