

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ASHEVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES – Jan. 7, 2020

PRESENT: Louise Anderson, Michael Beech, Cecil Bennett, Vice-President, Nora Carpenter, Clyde Hardin, Ryan Williams, President, and Mariah Wright; and Rev. Mark Ward, ex-officio

Nora did the opening reading and chalice lighting.

The board received a briefing on the Annual Budget Drive. The theme will be Live Bravely, Give Generously. Various dates were discussed including the Kick-Off on 02/16/2020 and Celebration Sunday on 03/08/2020. The Budget Hearing will be scheduled later due to possible conflicts. We also discussed ways the Board can support the ABD.

We revisited the board task sign-ups for this year. Trustees are encouraged to revisit the form.

Ryan talked with the board about the possibility of having a youth representative on the board in the future. There is a link in the agenda that trustees are encouraged to look over and think about ways the board can help connect youth with leadership in the congregation. We will discuss more about these ideas in the future.

What's Happening: Mark highlighted some things from his monthly report, including the new website. We have sold out of our tickets for the MLK Breakfast and the congregation is encouraged to attend the MLK Jr. march on January 20, 2020. Mark also mentioned that UUCA will participating in UU the Vote.

We looked at the UUCA Mini Review of Accounting Procedure Compliance, which was conducted by Wink Zachritz and Clyde Hardin. They looked at random samples in our accounting procedures. They determined that procedures were being followed correctly in the samples they looked at and saw no causes for concern. We were reminded that these are only samplings and not a full audit.

Widening Our Welcome: As part of our desire to expand our use and knowledge of IDI, Ryan will be leading some workshops on the topic as part of The Wednesday Thing. The first will be on 01/15/2020. Board members are encouraged to participate in helping lead workshops in the future.

Board Visibility: Ryan asked trustees to consider signing up to usher for the Sunday services in order to help visibility. We also discussed getting brighter colored nametags to more easily distinguish Board members. We still need to get a group photo for the bulletin board. The bulletin board will also feature a “mystery member” each month as a way to help the congregation get to know individual trustees better. We are also going to get more print info in the service programs, and do some “coffee and conversation” meetings at some of the Wednesday Things.

Interim Search: Ryan showed us the Interim Intent Letter, which is an online form that will be our official request for an interim minister to the UUA. He would like to hold off on filling it out until he can do so with the Interim Task Force. The board agreed. We then worked on our list of candidates for the Interim Task Force (not Committee!). We decided we are looking for 3 candidates, which will make a total of 4 members on the Task Force including Ryan. We discussed what we were looking for in members of this task force, including our desire to have the group reflect some of the diversity of the congregation as a whole. We narrowed the choices down to 10 people. Ryan will begin reaching out to those people to determine their willingness and/or ability to commit to the Task Force in order to finalize the group. He will let the Board know when the final group is determined.

Nora did the closing reading and extinguishing of the chalice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Minutes submitted by Mariah Wright