

Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston Board Meeting
October 4, 2017, 7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by President Julia Norrgard, shortly after 7pm.

Attendance: Julia Norrgard, Greg Ratta, Laurie Dodd, Jeanne Travis, Gar Young, Bill Thomas, Lesley Tyson, David Niemi. Rev. Dr. Debra Haffner. Guests: Scot Hull, Terry Mitchell.

Minutes from September 2017: Minutes from the September 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved, after corrections were offered.

Seating and Parking Issues:

Anne Welch had sent an email to the Board raising issues resulting from our crowded Sunday services. The Board noted that our current congregational size is the place where many congregations get stuck and suggested that consideration of adding a second service might be most appropriate for the second half of Rev. Debra's third year of ministry or later.

MOTION: A motion was made that the UUCR Board assign a Task Force to propose alternative near-term solutions to the issues associated with the growth in attendance at Sunday services, with a requested reporting date to the Board of the alternatives at the December 2017 meeting, with implementation and experimentation to begin earlier. The motion was properly made and seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report:

Greg Ratta reported on activities of the Leadership Council, including the Volunteer Fair held on September 17, 2017. Committees not directly represented by the Council will be asked to participate in quarterly surveys to review accomplishments over the prior 3 months, plans for the coming 3 months, needs that might be met by the Leadership Council, and concerns to share with the board. He proposed Guidelines for Revitalizing Committees, to be discussed at an upcoming Leadership Council Meeting. A proposed policy for Committee Chairperson Transitions was tabled for consideration at a future meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The report was presented by Bill Thomas.

MOTION: A motion was made to appoint Howard Bender as a member of the Endowment Committee, to serve along with Myles Flint and Bill Thomas. The motion was properly made and seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Minister's Report: Rev. Debra presented her report, with Homecoming and the start of the new church year, high worship attendance, a solid start to Religious Education with 62 children and youth, and ten new members joining the church in September.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the construction of a moveable chancel at a cost of \$2,500 to be taken from the Capitol fund, subject to approval of the Chancel Task Force. The motion, which had

been unanimously recommended by the Finance Committee, was properly made and seconded, and the Board passed it unanimously.

Request for Rental Waivers or Reductions: Cecile Batchelor made a request for rental of space at the church on June 23, 2018, by the PEO Sisterhood, a philanthropic organization for women. The Board encourages the facilities committee to review our rental policy.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the rental of space at the church on June 23, 2018, by the PEO Sisterhood at a fee of \$50, with a rental contract and payment of any applicable deposit. The motion was properly made and seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Policy Governance Training by David Pyle:

Board members are encouraged to attend Rev. Pyle's training at the UU Church in Silver Spring on October 14, 2017. He will preach at UUCR on October 15, 2017, and conduct a governance audit for our congregation.

Fiftieth Anniversary Committee: Linda Holloway is enthusiastically serving on a committee to plan our celebration and hoping to involve other members.

E-Vote on Racial Justice:

A majority of the Board had approved by email a motion to spend \$350 on a workshop on Racial Justice at UUCR, to be led by Rev. Rob Keithan on October 21, 2017. In accordance with the policy that E-votes require ratification, the motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:00pm.

--Submitted by Laurie Dodd, Board Secretary