

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert
Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 2017
MINUTES

Attending: Sarah Gonzales, Shirley Lemaster, Roger Beaman, Jerry Hogsett, Bruce Elwood
Visitors: Barbara Storms, Suzanne Hogsett, Steve and Nancy Boyce, Dorian McWain, Marty Gronewald

1. Chalice lighting: Sarah lit the chalice and read a poem by our own Susan Hannon & Jane Zaun.
2. Approval of minutes: the board approved the minutes of February 21, 2017.
3. Reports:
 - a. President: Sarah Gonzales Rev. Chuck Wilhelm will fill in for Rev. Julie on Sunday March 19. Nominating committee has a list of candidates for our annual congregational meeting on April 23. The Board at the April 23 meeting will ask the congregation to approve waivers for a nominee (Marty Gronewald) not normally eligible for office and also to allow new members to vote, since they should have become members earlier. The Board approved by consensus We will be using absentee ballots at the annual meeting rather than proxys. Jerry Hogsett suggested we vote by paper ballot rather than a show of hands, since it might be difficult to sort out who is eligible to vote.
 - b. Vice President: Shirley Lemaster reported that Church Council meeting was last Saturday. It was a very successful meeting.
 - c. Vice President: Roger Beaman nd Roger expressed concern about the number of Mystery Dinner tickets sold so far. He was also disappointed that no announcement was made from the pulpit last Sunday. Shirley will ensure that the Worship Associate next Sunday (Joni) will announce it. Geoff will send an eBlast about it, as well. Board members to ask friends about it.
 - d. Treasurer: Jerry Hogsett Presented income/expense statement as of 2/28/17 Mortgage payments need to be represented differently. Shirley states S2S2S donates \$50 per month at FY year end for each month they rehearse or perform.
 - e. Minister: Rev. Julie Forest - not present: \$100 was collected from Board members so Denise can buy flowers to send to Michigan for Rev. Julie's mom's memorial service.
4. Current Business

- a. Preparation of Budget-Reviewed a proposed budget presented by Sarah Gonzales. In the interest of time in order to get the proposed budget to the congregation by the first week in April, the board decided to have a combined meeting with the Finance Committee on March 30, 2017 to agree on a proposed budget to present to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on April 23, 2017.
- b. Approval of Rental Fees-The board approved the Rental Fees Schedule as presented.
- c. Approval of Board Manual-The board approved the Board Manual, with editorial changes suggested by Shirley.
- d. Report on Stewardship Drive: Jerry presented a report on Stewardship. He has received \$109,000 in pledges and expects to receive about \$5000 more in pledges.
- e. Report on MemInfo Conversion

5. New Business

- a. Attitude of Gratitude-At Rev. Julie's suggestion, the board will send out thank you cards to 4-5 members for their outstanding service to the church. This month the board sent appreciation to Randy Steele, Janice Breece, Karen Yanney and Jim Trew.
- b. Discuss and Approve Nominees for Committee Chairs, Nominating Committee-The board approved the nomination of Kevin Brandt (in lieu of the past president) and Ken Mills to the Nomination committee.
- c. Discussion and Approval of Professional Bookkeeping and Payroll Services-the board discussed this issue. Sarah asked Jerry Hogsett and Marty Gronewald to study this matter and report back to the board at the next meeting.
- d. Problems with Dog owners using church property-Our administrator has observed dog owners using church property for their dogs relief. The board will ask the Facilities Committee to find proper signage to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets.

6. Closing

7. Executive Session