

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert
Board of Directors/Finance Committee Special Meeting
March 30, 2017

Minutes

Attending: (Board) Sarah Gonzales, Roger Beaman, Jerry Hogsett, Denise Janssen Easger, Bruce Ellwood, Rev. Julie Forest (by phone)
(Finance or Stewardship) Chris Eager, Marty Gronewald, Bob Woolfson, Walter Gendell, Carol McDaniel, Terry LeMaster, Marion Ellson, Barbara Storms,
(Membership): Randy Steele

1. **Chalice Lighting**—Sarah read a selection and lit the chalice at 6:30 pm.

2. **Presentation of 2017-18 Proposed Budget**
 - a. Marty and Jerry reviewed the proposed budget line by line.
 - b. The group discussed particular areas including the appropriate percent of shrinkage in pledges that are failed to be paid (left at 5%); fundraisers need to be re-examined as the mystery dinner did not bring in what was hoped for; actual number of members reported to UUA for determining UUA dues; adult Religious Education; expenses such as gardening, cleaning services and Religious Education schedule for the summer.
 - c. The group discussed a plan for quarterly reports to pledging members about their pledge status to encourage them to complete their pledge.
 - d. Items that need further attention include: review of insurance policies and quotes (finance committee responsibility); Religious Education schedule for summer (Sarah and Rev. Julie); Point of Sale service moving from PayPal to Square (Jerry and Marty); Membership number update (Randy and Jerry); Quarterly reports to members (Treasurer)
 - e. The group voted to send the proposed budget (with minor changes) with an income of \$176,113 and expenses of \$174,740 to the congregation.
 - f. The proposed budget will be sent to the congregation on Wednesday, April 5. Jerry and Roger will hold a discussion about the budget on April 9 after service.

3. **Report to UUA regarding UUCOD Membership**—During the stewardship campaign, several people asked to be put on “inactive” status and thus the number reported to UUA will likely be 105-110.

4. **Stewardship Drive Goal Report**—Jerry shared the following report. The current total for the drive is \$133,000.

	Member (Active)		Non-Member (friend)		Member (Inactive)		Totals
Pledged Units	69	71.9%	12	34.4%	1	6.3%	82
May Pledge	18	18.8%	0	0%	0	0%	18
Will not Pledge*	9	9.4%	23	65.7%	15	93.8%	47
Totals	96	100%	35	100%	15	100%	147

- includes people who could not be reached
The above chart is for PLEDGE UNITS.

The following list is for INDIVIDUALS. Not that some of the members indicated below will be moving to inactive status.

- 99 Active status members have pledged
- 24 Active status members may pledge if we can contact them
- 10 Active members will not pledge (either can't afford it or opted not to pledge)

Closing-Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Notes submitted by Barbara Storms