

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert
June 15, 2017 Board Meeting
Minutes

Attending: Rev. Julie Forest, Minister; Sarah Gonzales, President; Roger Beaman, 2nd Vice President; Jerry Hogsett, Treasurer; Patti Gallagher, Secretary; Denise Janssen Eager, Director at Large.
Incoming Board: Marty Gronewald, Treasurer-Elect; Susan Hannon, Director at Large-Elect; Jane Zaun, Secretary- Elect.

Absent: Shirley LeMaster, 1st Vice President; Bruce Elwood, Director at Large.

Visitor: Barbara Storms

1. Chalice Lighting: Rev. Julie opened the meeting with a reading as she lit the chalice candle.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting on 5/30/2017 were approved as amended.

3. Reports:

a. President:

Sarah attended the Church Council Meeting on Saturday June 10, 2017. The Council discussed concerns that many summer Sunday Worship services have less attendance because so many members are away. After some discussion including the possibility of "going dark" for a month in the summer, the Board agreed to continue Worship services all summer.

There remains a need for Chairs for the following Committees: Religious Education, Social Justice, and Finance.

The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2017. All Committee Chairs and Board Members are expected to attend.

1st VP:

In Shirley LeMaster's absence, the report on the Church Council meeting was given by President, Sarah Gonzales.

2nd VP:

Roger Beaman will begin working to reinvigorate UUCOD's Endowment Fund. Roger, Sarah, and Rev. Julie will meet to establish details.

Ongoing fundraising activities were discussed: Service Auction committee co-chairs have been established. The Board agreed to forgo the Mystery Dinner for this year; however, there was an agreement on a music fundraiser coordinated by our Music Director.

The Board welcomes fundraising ideas and is looking for a group of volunteers to oversee fundraising!!

Treasurer:

Jerry reviewed UUCD Income and Expense Statement and Statement of Activity for the last fiscal Year.

A beautiful tapestry entitled "Religious Diversity" by the Dalai Lama was presented as a gift to UUCOD from Jerry and Suzanne Hogsett.

Minister:

Rev. Julie reported on her trainings and work with the Worship Committee, Pastoral team, and the plans for adult religious education beginning in the fall. Delegates to the General Assembly will be Rev. Julie, Sarah Gonzales, Barbara Storms.

4. Current Business:

a. Attitude of Gratitude:

The Board sent cards to Geoff Winstead, Alec MacLane, and Suzanne Hogsett.

b. Review of Church Activities Calendar:

Service Auction on Nov.10th, Stewardship Drive Feb 4-March 18, 2018, Annual Congregational Meeting April 29, 2018, Church Council October 21, 2017, Board Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. July Board Meeting to be on the 4th Tuesday due to Board Retreat on July 8th.

c. Report from the Membership Committee:

Jane Zaun reported that the membership committee discussed: i) establishing "greeters" for Sunday mornings, ii) set dates for the fall new membership orientation classes and the induction date, iii) concerns regarding the Sunday morning Order of Worship, iv) plans for Directory updates.

d. Preparation for the Board Retreat:

Rev. Julie and Sarah reviewed preparations for the Board retreat on July 8, 2017 where we will engage in brainstorming activities, goal setting, clarifying policies and procedures, establishing priorities and responsibilities, and other activities as planned.

e. Re-Keying Church and Security issues:

The Board discussed the process of the Board President with the facilities committee creating a new Security Policy, new rental agreement letter, and re-keying the church. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow up to \$500 to re-key the church after the thermostat is moved from the office to the hallway.

f. Status of AA Meeting:

This item was tabled in the absence of Bruce Elwood.

5. New Business:

a. Approve Check Signers:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize removal of Jerry Hogsett and the addition of Marty Gronewald as check signers.

b. Continue Joshua Crew Memorial Scholarship:

This topic was tabled for future discussion.

c. Congregational conversations with the Board for 2017-2018:

The Board decided to continue holding conversations with congregants on the 3rd Sunday monthly through April 2017.

- i. October 15th: What Does Membership in UUCOD Mean to You?
- ii. November 19th: The Future of Our Ministry
- iii. Other Topics to be determined

d. Fundraising Guidelines:

Sarah clarified an older policy on fundraising guidelines that has all fundraising at church is to support the church. The Board discussed other options that may be included in brainstorming at the Board retreat.

6. Closing:

After a motion passed, the meeting was closed and chalice extinguished.

Respectively Submitted,

Jane Zaun, Secretary-Elect