

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert
July 24, 2017 Board Meeting
Minutes

Attending: Sarah Gonzales, President; Shirley LeMaster, 1st Vice President; Marty Gronewald, Treasurer; Jane Zaun, Secretary; Susan Hannon, Director at Large; Bruce Elwood, Director at Large.
Absent: Rev. Julie Forest, Minister; Roger Beaman, 2nd Vice President.
Visitor/s: None

1. Chalice Lighting: Sarah opened the meeting with a reading and lighting of the chalice.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting on 6/15/17 were approved as amended.
3. Reports:
 - a. President:
Sarah reported on the inspirational General Assembly in New Orleans with the election of UUA's first female President.
 - b. 1st Vice President:
Shirley LeMaster reminded the Board of the next Church Council on October 21, 2017.
 - c. 2nd Vice President:
In the absence of Roger Beaman no report was given.
 - d. Treasurer:
Marty gave a detailed report of UUCOD finances including income/expenses, new payroll service implemented, and UUA/PSWD dues.
 - e. Minister: In the absence of Rev. Julie no report was given.
4. Current Business:
 - a. Attitude of Gratitude:
Cards of gratitude were signed for Vikki Porter, Diane Carmony and Chris Eager.
 - b. Finance Committee Chair:
Sarah stated she chaired the Finance Committee last month and continues to explore congregants to chair or co-chair the committee for this next year.
 - c. Status of the AA Group:
Bruce reported the AA group has not been meeting in the Community Room. Sarah indicated Monday evenings remain open at this time.
 - d. Re-keying the church and other security issues:
Sarah reported the thermostat has been moved to the hall. Since the Board previously agreed up to \$500 to re-key the Church, that project will be completed by August 12, 2017.

5. New Business:

a. Policies and Procedures:

Each Board member discussed the policies and procedures a member agreed to review, acknowledged which are complete as is, and which need revisions.

Specific dates were established by which each policy revisions will be completed.

b. Investment Account:

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to establish a business Investment Account to receive gifts of stock to the Church.

c. Strategic Priorities Plan from Board Retreat:

The Strategic Priorities Plan was reviewed. In the fall of 2017, the Plan will be shared with the congregation for input. The Board agreed to schedule time with Rev. Sarah Schurr, UUA Transitions Coordinator, to explore our options for the next level of ministry for UUCOD.

d. Board and Congregational Covenant:

i. The Board recommended revisions to the board covenant for approval at the Sept. 19th Board Meeting.

ii. The Board reviewed the Congregational Covenant and proposed changes that will be shared with the congregation at a future date.

e. Discussed a new fundraiser to replace the mystery dinner:

Board members, Bruce Elwood, chair, with Susan Hannon, and Shirley LeMaster volunteered to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to explore the fundraiser (possibly a jazz concert).

f. Email, Address and Titles for Official Church Business:

The Board agreed that all volunteers and Board members may not use personal email for official Church business.

g. Increasing time and responsibilities for Church Administrator:

The Board agreed to have Sarah and Marty work together to evaluate budget availability prior to considering increasing time and responsibilities for the Administrator.

h. Increasing Church cleaning schedule:

Cleanliness of the building and restrooms was discussed with the major concern being a lack of adequate supplies on Sunday mornings. The Board agreed that volunteers could check each bathroom for adequate supplies prior to Service on Sunday mornings.

i. Disposing of the Community Room Piano: This item was tabled.

Following closure of the Monthly Meeting, the Board met in Executive Session where the Board approved raising the Church administrator's salary to comply with the UUA's fair compensation standards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Zaun, Secretary