

**Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert**  
**September 19, 2017 Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Attending:** Sarah Gonzales, President; Roger Beaman, 2nd VP; Marty Gronewald, Treasurer;  
Jane Zaun, Secretary; Susan Hannon, Director at Large; Reverend Julie Forest, Minister.

**Absent Members:** Shirley LeMaster; Bruce Elwood

**Visitors:** Marion Ellson

1. Chalice Lighting:

Rev. Julie lit the chalice and read a section from "Bless the Space Between Us".

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Minutes from the regular Board meeting on 7/24/17 and from the Special Board meeting on 9/10/17 were approved as written.

3. Reports:

a) President: Sarah Gonzales reminded the Board members that a final Board Meeting agenda must be posted for the congregation's information on the Sunday prior to a Board meeting.

b) 1st VP: In the absence of Shirley LeMaster, Sarah Gonzales reminded the Board of the Church Council Meeting on Saturday October 21, 2017. All Church Committee Chairs and Board Members are expected to attend.

c) 2nd VP: Roger Beaman reported that he has documents from the UUA on Planned Giving. He will work with Rev. Julie to select a small committee to join him in long range planning for revitalization of the endowment fund.

d) Treasurer: Marty Gronewald presented the detailed September treasurer's report to the Board. His report indicated should the Board desire a 3/4 time minister, we have to raise at least \$10,000 more; Marty presented to the Board his idea of a SCRIP drive to increase funds for more ministry time.

30 e) Minister:  
31 Rev. Julie assisted with the celebration of life for Carol Woolfson. She continues to meet with  
32 the Pastoral Team; next month there will be a training for the Worship Committee.  
33 Rev. Julie will soon be attending a UUA professional retreat.  
34 She reported there has been positive interest from UUCOD and from the community at large  
35 for the "Coming of Sage" seminar on aging.  
36 There is an adult religious education seminar on "Building Your Own Theology" also offered to  
37 our UUCOD congregation.  
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39 4. Current Business:

40 a Attitude of Gratitude:  
41 Attitude of Gratitude cards were sent to Kevin Brandt, Carol McDaniel, Carol Lavoie, and  
42 Denise Janssen Eager.

43 b. Approve Co-Chairs for Finance Committee:  
44 There was a motion made, seconded, and passed to approve Carol McDaniel and Jerry  
45 L'Hommendieu as co-chairs for the Finance Committee.

46 c. Approve Board Resolution on Policies and Procedures:  
47 Following a motion made and seconded, the Board approved a resolution to implement current  
48 Policies and Procedures. The Board will review and revise existing policies and procedures and  
49 address additional policies as needed in the future. Sarah will inform the congregation of all  
50 approved policies through her column in the October Newsletter.

51 d. Approve Board Covenant:  
52 A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Board Covenant.

53 e. Approve Strategic Priorities Plan:  
54 The Board reviewed the strategic priorities plan from the June Board Retreat. There was a  
55 motion made and seconded that, after specific amendments, the plan is to be presented  
56 to the congregation for review and input.

57 f. Review Service Auction Nov. 10th Doors Open at 5:30, Auction begins at 6:00:  
58 Sarah reported the Auction committee is excited and moving forward with plans for the service  
59 auction.

60 g. Report on Concert Fundraisers:

61 Roger reported on the progress of arranging music fundraisers for spring.

62 Susan and Jane reported on the AME jazz concert in Moreno Valley attended by 6 UUCOD  
63 members and friends. There was an agreement UUCOD could benefit from a music fundraiser  
64 both for enjoyment of congregants and community as well as a fundraiser. Susan will work with  
65 other members of the Ad Hoc Committee to pursue details arranging a concert for UUCOD.

66 h. Report on Rental Agreements and Re-Keying Church:

67 Sarah informed the Board all rental agreements have been reviewed; there are currently signed  
68 rental agreements for groups renting space and time at the Church.

69 5. New Business:

70 a. Next Level of Ministry for UUCOD:

71 Following a lengthy discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of ministry options  
72 presented on 9/10/17 by UUA Pacific Western Region Rev. Sarah Schurr and Rev. Sarah Gibb  
73 Millspaugh, the Board agreed to recommend a Developmental Minister for our congregation.  
74 The Board agreed to have a Board Conversation with congregation on 10/15/17 on future of  
75 ministry for UUCOD.

76 b. Accept gift of concrete tables to the Labyrinth:

77 A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the gift of concrete tables from Dan Jessep  
78 of Jessep Auto to UUCOD. The tables will be placed where the Labyrinth will be developed.

79 c. Review Policies of Service Animals and Child/Youth Safety Policy--First Reading:

80 The Board reviewed the revised policies of Service Animals and Child/Youth Safety Policy and  
81 made additional recommendations for revisions. After revisions the policies will have a second  
82 reading at a Board meeting.

83 d. Change Date of January Board Meeting:

84 The January Board Meeting Date is to be determined by Sarah Gonzales and Shirley LeMaster.

85 6. Visitor Address the Board:

86 Marion presented the "In Memoriam" Book that was created for congregants to review  
87 memorial information including the pavers for members and friends. Marion explained the

88 book has been a part of UUCOD for many years; however, in recent years, it has not been  
89 completed. The Board agreed to reinstitute completion of the In Memoriam Book.

90 7. Closing:

91 Rev. Julie closed the meeting and extinguished the chalice.

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93 8. Executive Session:

94 There was no executive session.

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