

Unitarian Society of New Haven
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 13, 2011

Board Members Present: Gregg Burton; Patricia Duff; Gil Belaval; Sarah Berke; Thea Bourke-Martin; Alan Price

Board Members Absent: Sue Linsley; Lisa Anderson; Sandra Frawley; Larry Rizzolo; Jesse Whitehead

T. Bourke called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and G. Burton recorded the minutes. A quorum of Board Members was present, and the meeting proceeded with T. Bourke presiding.

Agenda

T. Bourke reviewed the agenda for the meeting and preparations for the board retreat meeting tomorrow, August 14, 2011.

Board Covenant

The board discussed creating a board covenant to govern the conduct of board members and board business. The board covenant for the prior year was reviewed. The board identified the following covenants to be proposed for unanimous adoption by the full board:

- Strive to have fun
- No harshing mellows
- Commit to attend; notify when you will be absent
- Step up; step back
- Check and respond to emails within 48 hours
- No substantive discussions via email
- Respectful communication
- Speak with one voice
- Wait for all to speak before repeats
- Transparency of discussion to the congregation without attribution
- Be hard on the issues; soft on the people
- Full, frank and open disclosure and discussion

CYRE Fundraiser

T. Bourke read a request from CYRE to sponsor the education of a child in the Philippines through a program operated by the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council. The sponsorship is a 6 year commitment at \$330 per year. CYRE seeks approval to conduct a bake sale to raise funds to meet the sponsorship commitment. CYRE has made arrangements to ensure that USNH will not be required to fund any fundraising shortfall or to fund the subsequent year commitments.

MOTION by G. Belaval: To approve CYRE to conduct a bake sale and similar fundraisers each year for the next six years for the purpose of funding a sponsorship for the education of a child in the Phillipines through a program operated by the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council provided that CYRE shall ensure that USNH is not obligated to fund any shortfall in such fundraising efforts. The Board requests that CYRE provide the Board with information regarding the success of the project in its annual report.

Seconded and passed without dissent.

Director of Religious Education Search

The board briefly discussed a proposal regarding the formation of the DRE search committee, but decided not to take up the issue and to address at the board retreat.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.