

Unitarian Society of New Haven  
Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
November 10, 2011

Board Members Present: Gil Belaval; Sarah Berke; Thea Bourke-Martin; Gregg Burton; Patricia Duff; Sandra Frawley; Sue Linsley, Alan Price;

Board Members Absent: Lisa Anderson; Larry Rizzolo; Jesse Whitehead

Also Present: Kathleen McTigue; Tansey Birenbaum; Marion Visel

T. Bourke called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and G. Burton recorded the minutes. A quorum of Board Members was present, and the meeting proceeded with T. Bourke presiding.

**Board Goals**

T. Bourke reviewed the Board goals to be presented to the congregation at the congregational meeting.

**2010 Fiscal Year Treasurer's Report**

Brett Berke presented the 2010 Fiscal Year Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the final accounting reconciliations for the 2010 Fiscal Year. The Board discussed the presentation to be made to the congregation by Brett Berke at the congregational meeting.

**Furlough Relief/Fundraising/Canvass Reports**

S. Frawley reported on the efforts of the Stewardship Working Group. The targeted canvass effort produced commitments of \$18,100. The Social Justice Council reduced its budget by \$1,000. The amount raised through these efforts is sufficient to eliminate furloughs from the 2011 fiscal year budget. The Board discussed ways to thank donors for their contributions toward furlough relief.

K. McTigue reported on the status of the book signing fundraiser. Volunteers were requested to assist with the book signing event.

K. McTigue reported on activities of Canvass Committee and Stewardship Working Group. Stewardship Working Group has advocated for including one-on-one canvass

efforts in the 2012 canvass efforts in addition to LoveFest event. A group of people (Gina LaRoche, Jeremy Hill, Carol Cheney and Sandra Frawley) have volunteered to conduct the one-on-one canvassing effort in coordination with the other members of the canvass committee.

It was noted that the LoveFest date is March 3; with a weather delayed alternative date of March 10.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Board will consider taking up the proposal by K. McTigue concerning an effort to raise sufficient funds to pay our UUA dues at next month's meeting.

### **Staff Report**

Marion Visel presented the Associate Minister's report to the Board.

### **Support Covenant of UU Pagans**

The Board considered a request from a group of congregation members for a letter of support from the Board for the creation of a Covenant of UU Pagans chapter at USNH. The Board members present assented to the provision of a letter of support without a formal vote.

### **Minutes**

**MOTION** by P. Duff to approve the minutes for the meeting on October 13, 2011.  
**Seconded and passed without dissent**

### **Board Reflection**

The Board discussed its activities to date, successes and shortcomings, and hopes and concerns for future efforts.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.