

Unitarian Society of New Haven
Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 9, 2012

Accepted September 11, 2012

Board Members Present: Alison Cunningham; Thea Bourke-Martin; Gregg Burton; Sandra Frawley; Russell Heinrich; Georgia Jennings; Sue Linsley; Alan Price; Margaret Rae

Board Members Absent: Larry Rizzolo; Jessie Whitehead

Also Present: Emily Melcher; Jesse Greist; Tansy Birenbaum

A. Price called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and G. Burton recorded the minutes. A quorum of Board Members was present, and the meeting proceeded with A. Price presiding.

Introductions

The Board Members each introduced themselves and explained their history at USNH.

Interim Ministry

E. Melcher presented an overview of the milestones, goals and activities of the first year of interim ministry.

The Board discussed the various aspects of the interim ministry period. It was noted that listening board events would be discontinued in favor of more focused events coordinated by the Transition Team.

Board Retreat

The Board discussed participation in a Clara Barton District retreat of Boards on August 25, 2012. Board members were encouraged to attend this retreat. A follow-up Board retreat was planned for August 26, 2012 following worship. This retreat is intended to follow up on the work of the CBD retreat and to serve as an orientation for new Board members.

The Board discussed the use of the Board website and information available through the site.

ACTION ITEM: G. Burton to collect cell phone numbers from Board members to add to Board website directory.

ACTION ITEM: G. Burton to assemble resources on the Board website as a new member orientation package.

Transition Team

The following people were appointed by the Board to comprise the Transition Team: John Watson, Lois Smith, Pamela Niles, Charisse Hutton, and Sally Connolly.

The Transition Team is working to put together a retreat with lay leaders, including Board members. Possible dates will follow.

E. Melcher is accepting suggestions of additional people to be appointed to the Transition Team.

Board Meetings

The Board discussed the time and location for Board meetings for 2012-2013. There was discussion of whether the Board should meet twice a month as was the practice for 2011-2012. It was suggested that the Board should eventually only need to meet once a month but may need to meet twice per month until it is able to narrow the scope of matters that it takes on.

The Board scheduled its next regular meeting for September 11, 2012 at 7:00pm. Regular meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm starting in October. An additional meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Due to a conflict with the Waverly program, any board meetings scheduled for Wednesday evenings will be held at the home of G. Jennings at 16 Round Hill Road in North Haven.

Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting on July 26, 2012 were reviewed. No corrections were offered. The minutes were accepted.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.