

Unitarian Society of New Haven
Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees
April 11, 2013

Accepted May 9, 2013

Board Members Present: Alison Cunningham; Thea Bourke-Martin; Gregg Burton; Sandra Frawley; Russell Heinrich; David Jones; Georgia Jennings; Sue Linsley; Bobbi Pace; Margaret Rae;

Board Members Absent: Jessie Whitehead

Also Present: Emily Melcher; Nancy Lesh

A. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and G. Burton recorded the minutes. A quorum of Board Members was present, and the meeting proceeded with A. Cunningham presiding.

Stewardship Campaign Update

E. Melcher provided an update on the stewardship campaign status. Current pledges are at \$407,000, which is 80% of the goal amount. The working group continues to make efforts to contact members that are anticipated to make a pledge.

Fundraising Update

G. Burton discussed notes from discussions last year regarding the potential liability and insurance coverage in place related to hosting events at USNH where alcohol is served.

Board Covenant

A. Cunningham raised the question of a Board covenant. The Board discussed whether to take time now to create a Board covenant. It was noted that the formation of a covenant was lost in the leadership shuffle early in the year. the Board reached a consensus that it would be better to take time during on of the Tuesday meetings to discuss right relationships among board members rather than trying to complete a covenant this far into the year.

Roof Repairs

G. Burton provided an update on the status of roof repair bids and costs. It will cost approximately \$85,000 to replace the roof on the social hall, RE wing and children's chapel. S. Frawley discussed potential sources of funding the roof repairs. Exec Committee will look into funding options and return to the Board with ideas for funding the roof repairs.

Ministerial Search Process

The Board reviewed the timeline for the Ministerial Search process. The list of candidates will be confirmed at the April 16 meeting. R. Heinrich will compile personal information submitted by candidates. Pam Niles will post information on bulletin boards in the social hall. Voting will be conducted on May 5th. Absentee voting information is posted on the website. P. Rae will manage absentee voting process. T. Bourke will manage onsite voting day.

The Board discussed the procedures it will follow for selection of the Board nominated candidates to the MSC. The Board members agreed that any Board member is a potential candidate or a close family member of a candidate, such member will recuse him/herself from the discussion.

The Board addressed whether spouses of staff members would be eligible for the Ministerial Search Committee.

MOTION T. Bourke to prohibit spouses of staff members from serving on the Ministerial Search Committee **SECONDED** S. Frawley; **PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.