

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

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Board Members Present: Alison Cunningham, Mary Donohue, Bobbi Pace, Nancy Lesh, Greg Seaman, Rod Groff, Suzanne Miller, David Jones

Board Members Absent: Peggy Rae, Jessie Whitehead

Also Present: Emily Melcher

A. Cunningham called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 pm and D. Jones recorded the minutes. A quorum of Board Members was present, and the meeting proceeded with A. Cunningham presiding.

Consent Agenda

No items.

Financial System

G. Seaman reported that USNH's current system needs an upgrade so that it can be used remotely by the USNH Treasurer and accountant.

ACTION ITEM: G. Seaman to make a recommendation at the August Board Meeting.

Roof Repairs

G. Seaman reported that re-roofing of the main building has not yet begun due to rain; repairs to the shed roof are complete.

Ministerial Search

A. Cunningham reported on the status of the Compensation Negotiating Team. Two members have been chosen: A. Cunningham (from Board of Trustees) and David Stagg (from Ministerial Search Committee). A third member will be added.

REALM Database

E. Melcher gave a brief description of this potential member database and asked that Board members look into it. REALM's on-line component offers several benefits. For example, USNH members would be able to update their contact information on their

own, as well as to provide profiles for other members to see; and groups could easily communicate news and other information to interested members.

ACTION ITEM: E. Melcher to send Board members the link to REALM's web-site, where they can explore the database's capabilities. G. Seaman and S. Miller agreed to look at it. (M. Donohue has already visited the site and likes REALM).

Other

Board members were reminded to sign up as Sunday Greeters and to give the Welcome Announcements so that we will be more visible to the congregation.

A. Cunningham will order copies of Who's in Charge Here? for Board members. This UUA book is about the relationship between minister and congregation in UU congregations and is added to our reading list.

The Board will resume its governance reform process at a retreat with Unity Consultant Laura Park, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 20-21. A. Cunningham will confirm the date.

The subject of Board communication was discussed. Board members were reminded of the importance of keeping confidential information out of our e-mails. Minutes of Board meetings will continue to be posted on the USNH website; a hard copy will also be posted on the bulletin board.

Celebration of the 10-Year Anniversary of the sanctuary will take place on Sept. 28.

Executive Session

The Board conducted a meeting in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Adjournment

MOTION B. Pace: to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED** R. Groff; **PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.