

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington
Board of Trustees (BOT)
Meeting Minutes, March 2018**

Date: March 19, 2018, 6:00 PM

Location: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington, 4313 Lake Ave., Wilmington, NC 28403.

Acting Secretary: Bill Singleton.

Meeting Called By: Jennifer Paetzold-Garcia, President.

Members Attending: John Grigsby, Vice President; Karen Gottovi, Treasurer; Bill Singleton, Acting Secretary; Don Smith; Barbara Wolk

Absent: Rev. Cheryl M. Walker (Ex-Officio), Bob Holm; Patricia Forrest; Barbara Wolk; Tammy Ellison; Sue Graffius, DRE.

Agenda

- 1) Chalice Lighting and Reading of the Mission Statement and Board Covenant
Mission of the UUCW Board of Trustees: Ensure that the activities and resources of the congregation are effectively and efficiently directed toward achieving the mission of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington.
- 2) Reports
 - a) Consensus reports: the Minutes from the Board, dated February 26, and the Minister's, and Treasurer's reports from March were approved. The DRE report had not been received due to Sue being out of town.
- 3) Barbara gave an update on the Fabulous at Fifty Fundraiser auction. Fifty-one providers participated in offering goods or services. The total bids and one cash donation came to \$6,730. Three-quarters of the bidders have already paid. The Fundraiser team will continue accepting payments on Sunday, March 25.
- 4) The Generous Life Team will hold a reception for the top donors at the Stonestrow Club on Sunday, March 25. The Board will attend and provide some of the refreshments.
- 5) The Board will conduct the entire service on Sunday, April 15 with the theme of "perseverance." The Board began working on the Order of Service and selection of hymns for the service.
- 6) BOT Calendar
 - a) The next scheduled meetings will be:
 - i) April 2: BOT work session
 - ii) April 9: BOT Exec. Committee Meeting
 - iii) April 15: BOT conducts Sunday services

iv) April 16: full BOT Meeting

v) Karen is the April worship associate.

7) The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

NEXT BOT MEETING: April 16, 2018.

*** ACTION ITEMS AND DEFERRED TOPICS**

From February Meeting:

- Tammy will submit the February minutes for publication on the web site, UUNews, and will post in Dobkin Hall.
- Bill will send out the draft OOS to the BOT for the April 15 service. He will forward the draft policy manual just before the April 2 work session

Future Action

- Develop a Bylaw amendment to the Endowment Policy to make the management and access to the existing endowment more flexible. This item has been referred to the Finance Committee before being taken up by the BOT.

MINISTER'S REPORT FOR BOARD MEETING 03-19-2018

- Continued working on a Safety Manual which includes procedures for emergency and disaster situations.
- The Fabulous at Fifty auction was successfully completed. Many thanks to Kim Singleton, Barbara Wolk and Bill Singleton. The auction raised 6,730 dollars.
- Met with the Generous Living Team, to plan a special service on May 6, which will be the highlight of our yearly canvass.
- Completed and posted our advertisement for the Director of Faith Formation. We received positive feedback from the UUA office for the ad as one of the best they have seen. We have not however received many inquiries.
- Continued working on the conversion of the website. Our estimated time of conversion remains mid-March. We will work on converting the email separately, as it is a separate function and very few companies host emails.
- I will be attending the UUMA Board meeting in South Hadley, MA 3/19 – 3/23
- I have been asked to write an essay on Our Ministry for the new edition of the Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide.
- Gave a presentation to the Brunswick County Women's Democratic Club.
- It was my honor to be present at the passing of Alex K. especially to help the family during this hard time.
- I am in search for a third pianist.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington

February, 2018 Treasurer's Report

Total Revenue for Feb,2018 \$17,969

Revenues year to date \$154,430

Total Expenses for January \$19,326

Expenses to date \$150,405

Our net income for February was -\$1,346. Last February we had a net gain of \$2,607. We are within our budget. Year to date, we are \$4,025 of revenues over expenditures, a thousand less than last year at this time. Our office expenses continue to be under budget.

With an auction of goods and services underway for this Spring, we should see our revenues increase by the end of this fiscal year. This, and an energetic pledge drive will help our bottom line and should result in our having the ability to address some salary and building and grounds issues in the coming fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gottovi, Treasurer

DLRE Report to the Board

March 2018

February/March RE attendance:

February weekly average: 14

March weekly average (through 3/11): 14

Our 3rd-7th graders have been working on/learning about Voter Rights, and with the help from Eden Avery, staffed a Voter Registration and Information table between services. Their next chosen “Horcrux” to fight will be illiteracy. They will be involved in our UUCWNC Book Sale, and will be donating any remaining children’s books to some of the local shelters.

Grades 8-12 participated in 2 weeks of Quest where they presented for the first week, then participated/learned for the second. They also made signs for the March for Our Lives demonstration that will take place on March 24th.

UUWorld was looking to interview UU teens who plan to march on the 24th, and they have set up a phone interview with one of our 5th graders for after the march. We’ll let you know if they end up in the final article!

Summer plans are underway. Due to many factors, we plan to utilize our childcare providers to interact with our children who are 8 yrs old and under during the summer services. All families are invited to join the congregation in the sanctuary as well.

I attended two Webinars on Conflict Resolution styles.

We now have a monthly *Rumi Reading Group* that meets on the 3rd Friday of the month, moderated by John Noll.

We will hold a series of *Welcome! Classes* on April 8, 11 and 15.

I am working with Elizabeth Terry to schedule a UU Common Read book club.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Graffius, DLRE