

UUCGT Board of Trustees Minutes

12/19/16

Phyllis Jessup, Vice President, convened the meeting at 5:30 PM. Our chalice was lit and our bell tolled followed by the joint reading of our covenant, as is our custom.

Present: Board members, Rabbi Chava Bahle, Donna Stein-Harris, Phyllis Jessup, Gretchen Kronk, Karl Love, Don Pyne and Kay Sturgeon. Linda Fletcher was absent and honeymooning.

Congregational members present: Garry Harris, Mike McDonald, Ann Swainey and Rick Walters.

Vice President Phyllis Jessup invited public comments. Mike McDonald thanked the Board for it's support in Hosting Safe Harbor last Month. Mike also thanked the volunteers from our congregation who volunteered. Over one hundred members and friends volunteered in support of the effort. Phyllis in turn took the opportunity not only to thank, on behalf of the Board, not only the volunteers, but especially Mike and Sandra McDonald for their leadership in envisioning and coordinating the event.

Karl Love did not have a policy reading but instead made a suggestion. In Robert's Rules of Order the term "Executive Session" refers to meetings held to transact confidential business. Historically at UUCGT we have referred to executive meetings as meetings held by board officers to set an agenda. We typically call the transaction of confidential business as a "Closed Meeting". Karl asked the Board if we could alter our terminology to reflect "Executive Session" for confidential business and simply refer to setting the agenda as the "Agenda Meeting" no longer using the term "Closed Meeting". The Board agreed.

Don Pyne moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Donna Stein-Harris and approved.

Kay Sturgeon moved to accept the consent agenda with the addition of the Lifespan Experience Committee report submitted by Marco Cabrera. The motion was seconded by Donna and passed.

Karl read from the minutes of 11/14/16 the tabled motion made by Kay and seconded by Karl to create Committee for Social Witness. After significant discussion the motion was withdrawn. The matter was referred to the Policy Committee to revise and rename the description of the Social Justice Action Committee to reflect an expanded profile. SJA would then be a subcommittee of the new committee.

Phyllis presented the Organizational Chart Task Force recommendation for the formal organization of our community. Kay Sturgeon moved that the Board approve this organizational chart as a long-term direction for discernment and incremental implementation. The motion was seconded by Phyllis and approved.

Gretchen Kronk reported that the recently fully formed Policy Committee was scheduled to have their first meeting 12/20/2016. Phyllis asked that the Policy Committee begin monthly written reports submitted to the Board to be considered as part of the consent agenda.

Karl, as liaison for the Safe Congregation Response Team, reported some evident discord between the team and the Leadership Development Committee. LDC submitted a request for ‘policy, scope and procedures prescribing screening responsibilities’. SCRT responded not to LDC but directly to the Board stating that as a team, SCRT serves at the pleasure of the Board and asked for verification if they, as a team, were performing as directed. Karl indicated that he had just learned that the chairs of the two respective groups had just scheduled a face-to-face meeting. Karl expressed his confidence that once the parties had met and better understood one another that this would be resolved. Karl spoke with a representative from LDC and asked that conceptual issues with policies be referred directly to the Board.

The Board discussed our External Communication Policy at length. How is it to be enforced? Who is to enforce it? What is to be done with articles for publication that do not meet the requirements of the policy? The consensus was that there is editorial doubt, then the article must be pulled, pending review.

Phyllis informed the board that the implementation of the new security lock system went smoothly without significant issues. Trustees were reminded to obtain their code from the office and to sign the appropriate agreement.

At 7:09 the board went into executive session.

Phyllis adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl D. Love, Secretary