

## *UUCGT Board of Trustees Minutes*

02/20/17

The Board of Trustees meeting for February was non-traditional. The board did not conduct any usual business.

President Linda Fletcher convened the meeting at 5:30 PM. In addition to Linda, present were Rabbi Chava Bahle, Gretchen Kronk, Karl Love, Don Pyne and Kay Sturgeon. In attendance via telephony were Phyllis Jessup and Donna Stein-Harris, who were separately on vacation out of state.

The Board began in executive session, meeting with the entire Safe Congregation Response Team regarding confidential matters. In addition to Rabbi Chava, present were Joe Cook, Nick Erber-LaPierre, Ann Marie Love and Sarah Montgomery-Richards. Midway through the conference Linda Fletcher recused and absented herself regarding a matter, which she had reported to SCRT.

At 6:50 PM the executive session was concluded with no action taken. SCRT was thanked by Linda and the Board for their service in these matters as well as their service to the congregation as a whole. The team then left the meeting.

As the meeting began open session the following guests arrived: Barb Bloomer, Judith Briggs, Stan Cain, Jim Cook, David Halstead, Jim Horrocks, Anne Hughes, Chris Innes, Karl Keinath, Pat Light, Mike McDonald, Sandra McDonald, Richard Miller, Judy Myers, Lynnette Rhodes, Sarah Montgomery-Richards, Jerry Schotz, Joan Sheard, Jane Watts, Price Watts, Judy Weaver, Kay Wentzel, Myrna Yeakle and Jan Zerbel.

Karl asked to speak briefly before accepting public comment. Karl said that open discourse created unprecedented opportunity and that he had no fear in whatever contributions might be made. He asked that in the process of presenting that all speakers endeavor to separate people from problems. He asked that we use I statements. He asked that we make it safe for people to say difficult things. He asked for help in that we gently redirect if discussion becomes about people rather issues. Karl expressed his confidence that we would find our way forward and that this evening we were in no hurry to find our way.

Linda briefly welcomed all guests and invited individual speakers to come forward. Linda explained should matters brought forward that may involve her, personally, that Don Pyne would temporarily preside for that issue. After such issues she would resume presiding.

The balance of the meeting was for public comment. Guest who spoke were: Joan Sheard, Jim Horrocks, Lynnette Rhodes, Richard Miller, Price Watts, Anne Hughes, Sandra McDonald, Rabbi Chava Bahle, Chris Innes, Jerry Schotz, Jane Watts, Barb Bloomer and Judy Weaver.

Linda acknowledged and thanked all contributing guests for their attendance, comments and contributions.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karl D. Love, Secretary*