

Notes from the May 15, 2016 Congregational Meeting

1. President Linda Clear called the meeting to order at 11:50 AM.
2. Reverend Roger led us in the reciting of our Mission, Values, and Covenant.
3. President Linda Clear gave her report and then recognized those members leaving the Board of Trustees: Shirley Hines, Carol Jacobs, Denis Edgren, Linda Klein, and Youth Trustee Skylar Primavera.
4. Treasurer Denis Edgren led the discussion on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He explained that we will be giving staff raises and that we will use the money from our normal contribution to our Capital Outlay and Reserve Funds to fund our loan payment. He feels that those funds are sufficiently funded so that a contribution this year is not necessary. We will end the fiscal year of 2016/2017 with a \$2,000 surplus. The budget was then voted on and passed.
5. Reverend Roger gave his report and expressed how great it is to be back in our new renovated space. Theater One has and is producing varied and excellent shows, Program Council is very organized and hosted the first Activity Fair in two years. Our Spring Auction netted \$28,000 and was lots of fun with great food! He explained the two new groups that have been formed, The Administrative and Property Management Team (APMT), and the Fundraising Strategy Team (FRST). He went on the talk about his Sabbatical and our Intern D. Scott Cooper, who will help Rev. Lucy (who is now full time as of this year) during Reverend Roger's absence. Also as of this year we have a Music Director, Keith Atwater, who ably leads the choir and the music program.
6. Reverend Lucy then gave her report. Some things started this year: Sunday morning spiritual practices at 9:35 a.m., including silent meditation and a labyrinth walk. Reverend Lucy leads a newcomer orientation on the fourth Sunday of each month: 48 people have participated in the last seven months. On the third Sunday of each month there is "Exploring Unitarian Universalism." A membership class is offered three times a year, and we've had new 32 members and 7 friends since July 2015. Rev. Lucy sees great potential in rental opportunities for our renovated building. Next year we will have a social justice theme for UUSS: Poverty, homelessness, income and class disparity. A task force will be formed in the next few months. Also a refugee support program.
7. Skylar Primavera talked about the upcoming project to hang a Black Lives Matter banner. First there will be a couple of discussions and on August 7 we will have a brief Congregation Meeting to vote on the proposal.
8. Because a name (Eric Ross) was left off the ballot for the Nominating Committee we had a consensus vote for the entire slate of candidates. It passed.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Gordon Gerwig, Secretary, Board of Trustees