

The Unitarian Church in Westport is a diverse and welcoming religious community, free of creed and dogma, and open to people of all backgrounds and beliefs.

WE INSPIRE and support individual spiritual growth.

WE CONNECT through worship, music, learning, and caring ministries.

WE ACT in the service of peace and justice.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

March 10, 2014

Trustees present: Steve Axthelm, Randy Burnham, Chuck Colletti, Denny Davidoff, Roberta Finkelstein (ex officio), Michelle Garvey, Lyn Hamilton, Bobbie Herman, Sal Mollica, Ken Vogel, Ted Yang

Trustees absent: Laura Steinbrecher (resigned)

Observers and participants: Anne Khanna, Carrie McEvoy, William McEvoy

Burnham called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Following a centering reading by Vogel and a check-in, the BOT passed the consent agenda on a motion by Burnham, second Yang.

Delegates to the Metro District Annual Meeting: Randy Burnham, Denny Davidoff, Lynda Bluestein, Ted Yang, Maureen McBride, Keith Reynolds, Bob Welsh and Mary Jane Cross.

Eric Gribin and Betsy Wacker appointed to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Burnham reported having received a letter of resignation from Steinbrecher which he has accepted.

Policy Task Force appointments were tabled to the April 7 (instead of 14) meeting on a motion by Yang, second Davidoff.

Burnham will convene the Governance Committee. Other members are Mollica and Hamilton.

On a motion by Herman, second Hamilton, the Board voted to renew Finkelstein's contract for a second year.

Following a long discussion, a motion to officially enter the search process for a called senior minister made by Yang, second Axthelm, was passed. Davidoff will contact Rev. Craig Hirshberg, the district Ministerial Settlement Representative (MSR), about visiting the congregation and meeting with the BOT which is the first step in the UUA Settlement Process.

The Board will hold a Congregational Town Meeting some Sunday in May around the theme of lifting up our most salient "selling points" to present to candidates for our senior ministry.

Herman moved, Vogel second, to move into executive session. Passed.

Vogel offered process observations.

Assignments:

Davidoff – Craig Hirshberg, minutes.

Colletti – Visiting Steward duties.

Mollica – Policy regarding choosing BOT committees.

Hamilton – Thank you letters.

Garvey – Conversation with NLDC, thanks letter, policy for Park bequest.

Vogel – Prepare 2015 budget, Endowment Committee funds resolution.

Axthelm – Visiting Steward calls, theme for May Town Hall on selling points.

Herman – Lift presentation for 3/16.

Finkelstein – "Renew my lease".

Yang – GA delegates. Inform people elected as delegates to district AM.

Burnham – Thank you letters, set date for May Town Hall, convene Governance Committee.

ALL – Read the Search and Settlement Process material on uua.org.

Axthelm offered closing words.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Taft Davidoff, Clerk