

**Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

*Minutes from all regular Board meetings are reviewed by the Board members and made available to members and friends on the website and in the UUSIC Board of Trustees notebook in the Administration Office. Minutes may also be requested via mail or email from the UUSIC administrator.*

**Board Members present:** Vicki Siefers (President), Jim Olson (Vice-President), Diane Martin (Past-President), Mary McMurray (Trustee), Kirk Witzberger (Trustee)

**Board Members present (by phone):** Chris Taylor (Secretary), Adam Ingersoll (Treasurer), Kari Yorek (Trustee)

**Board Members absent:** Pete Brokaw (Finance Trustee)

**Ex Officio present:** Jessica Zimmer-Saltzman (DLRE)

**Ex Officio absent:** Rev. Steven Protzman (Minister)

**Call to Order:** Vicki Siefers called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in UUSIC's Henriksen Library.

**Consent Agenda and Green Sanctuary Policy, Second Reading**

Green Sanctuary Policy was elevated for discussion and given its **second reading**. The second reading of the **Children and Youth Safety Policy** was postponed until the regular meeting in February.

*Motion:* Moved by Mary McMurray and seconded to accept the consent agenda as amended.  
**Motion carried.**

**Action and Discussion Items:**

**Policy, First Reading: Website Policy**

Member Phil Beck presented on behalf of the Communications Committee. Policy will be revisited in February for a second reading.

**Report: 2015 Budget**

Siefers noted that the budget is not ready for final review and that the Board will have an opportunity to discuss and approve the final numbers by email before the January 25<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting.

**RECESS**

**Report: Facilities**

*Motion:* Moved by Jim Olson and seconded to approve the composition of the New Facilities Committee, which will comprise Kirk Witzberger (as Chair), Garrett Saltzman, Peggy Dietrich, Sue Otto, Deb Schoelerman, Adam Ingersoll, Jeffery Ford, Steve Locher, and Jan DeWitt.

**Motion carried.**

*Motion:* Moved by Kirk Witzberger and seconded to enter into closed session to discuss the ongoing facilities process. **Motion carried; Board entered into closed session.**

Following discussion, Siefers **adjourned the meeting back to open session.**

### **Policy, Third Reading: Weapons Policy**

*Motion:* Moved by McMurray and seconded to adopt the policy with the amendment that the line reading “at the entrance on Iowa Avenue nearest the parking lot” be replaced with “at all entrances”. **Motion carried.**

### **Guest Comments**

None.

There was no one assigned to provide **process observations.**

### **Announcements**

The Festival of the First Bread will be celebrated on February 7<sup>th</sup>, benefiting our partner church in Janosfalva, Romania. Kari Yorek has tickets available for purchase.

A half-day Board retreat will be scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The congregation will be asked to approve placing a Statement of Conscience regarding reproductive justice on the UUA General Assembly 2015 agenda. A vote will be held during the January 25<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.

January 24<sup>th</sup> will be a Day of Service.

Welcome Home Wednesday registration can now be completed online.

### **Adjournment**

Kari Yorek offered closing words and Siefers **adjourned** the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

*Recorded on January 8<sup>h</sup>, 2015, by Jim Olson, Vice-President, and Chris Taylor, Secretary*