

Highlights from the Mar. UUSIC Board Meeting

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Present: Kelly O'Berry (President), Jim Olson (Past-President), Jim Laughlin (Vice-President), Peg Voelker (Secretary), Steve Vincent (Trustee), Steve Locher (Trustee), Sara Feldmann (Trustee), Kris Barrash (Trustee), and Rev. Steven Protzman (Ex officio)

Absent: Adam Ingersoll (Treasurer), Saunia Powell (DLRE), and Peggy Garrigues (DCL)

Guest: Brigitte Ingersoll, representing the Outdoor Rec & Ed Subcommittee

President Kelly O'Berry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm on March 9th at the Oakdale House. Rev. Steven shared opening words.

Announcements: Protzman shared that the Memorial Service for Betty Thomas will be March 25th. O'Berry reminded Board members to register early for Regionals. She also commented that she attended for the first time last year and thoroughly enjoyed it!

Consent Agenda: March Agenda; February Minutes; March Executive Committee Minutes; Treasurer Financial Statements & Report; Minister Report; DLRE Report; DCL Report; Office Administrator Report; Music Director Report; Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) report (Vicki Siefers); New Facilities Committee (NFC) report (Deb Schoelerman); Branding Committee (Steve Vincent); and the Outdoor Recreation Proposal-Pro Design (Saunia Powell) were received for review prior to the meeting. Other items: Picture of Construction Sign; Sabbatical Brochure; Councils February 2017 Agenda.

The Outdoor Recreation Proposal was raised from the consent agenda. The Board approved the minutes from the February Board and March Executive Committee meetings.

Outdoor Recreation Proposal: Brigitte Ingersoll reported that the Outdoor Rec & Ed Subcommittee met with Tony Malkusak from Abundant Playscapes. Tony has experience creating the natural play environments that are envisioned. An anonymous donor offered to fund the design fee of \$700 to \$1000. The Board approved this donation and authorized the team to move forward with the proposal.

Report on the Councils: Protzman shared the agenda from the first meeting held by each of the three Councils. A representative of the Board attended each Council meeting: Locher (Protzman's), Vincent (Garrigues's), and Barrash (Powell's). The Councils will meet jointly each September and then individually, three times during the year.

Sabbatical Planning: Protzman will be on sabbatical leave from April 1st through June 30th. He shared the Sabbatical Brochure Booklet that he developed and that will be distributed.

Exception to Bylaws for Elected Positions: The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) has identified a member with the necessary skills who is eager to serve as Treasurer when Ingersoll's term ends July 1, 2017. But, on July 1st the potential nominee will not have been a member for one year as required to serve in an elected position. The Board endorsed the plan for a congregational vote at the May meeting to extend Ingersoll's term as Treasurer until the elected candidate meets the one-year membership eligibility criteria.

"Love Reaches Out" Workshop: O'Berry and Vincent gave an update about the "Love Reaches Out" workshop to be held April 8th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Coralville library. The registration deadline is April 3rd.

Stewardship Consultant: Protzman shared information about stewardship resources and consultants. Dori Thexton, MidAmerica Region Staff, offered her assistance. Feldmann would share this information with the Finance Council (including Stewardship).

Sanctuary Church Inquiry: Protzman reported that Unitarian Universalists are joining the growing "Sanctuary Movement" working to protect immigrants facing deportation. He recommends that our congregation undergo a process of discernment on this issue. The Board expressed unanimous support for the formation of a "Discernment Team" to lead the congregation in this exploration.

Barrash reported as process observer and Locher provided closing words. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

—Submitted by Peg Voelker, Secretary