**Unitarian Universalist Society  
Board of Trustees**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – September 13, 2018**

Board meeting minutes are made available on the website or can be requested from the UUS administrator.

**Present**: Jane DeWitt (President), Jim Laughlin (Past-President), Amy Fretz (Vice-President),   
Peg Voelker (Secretary), Sara Feldmann (Trustee), Michael Honey-Arcement (Trustee),   
Paul Pomrehn (Trustee), Colleen Higgins (Trustee), Rev. Diane Dowgiert (Ex officio Interim Minister),  
Peggy Garrigues (DCL), and Jessica Zimmer-Saltzman (DLRE)

**Absent**: Chris Rode (Treasurer)

**Guests**: Joel Gilbertson-White

Board President DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. DeWitt provided opening words followed by the Chalice lighting and a brief check-in by Board members.

**Consent Agenda:** Consent agenda and other items are uploaded to Dropbox for Board review prior to the meeting.

*Consent Agenda items: Board Agenda; September Executive Committee Minutes; August Board Meeting Highlights; Monthly Staff Reports (DLRE, DCL, Administrator, Music Director, and Minister); Financial Statements (Rode); UUS Building Security Task Force Charge Draft (Emma Barnum).  
Other items: Social Justice Action Fund Policy, Draft 03182018 (Feldmann); Johnson County Interfaith Coalition (JCIC) Covenant; Proposal to Join JCIC v3 (Joel Gilbertson-White); Garrigues Report on JCIC; Proposed CCLAM by-laws change (DeWitt); PPA Highlights and Recommendation (Rode); PPA between UUSIC and UU Solar LLC.*

*Moved by Voelker, seconded by Laughlin that the Board receive the Consent Agenda and approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes and Board highlights. Motion carried.*

**Proposed CCLAM By-Law Change:** DeWitt shared that Rev. Dowgiert reported that she met with the Committee on Congregational Life and Ministry (CCLAM). Rev. Dowgiert also explained that UUA recommends that during Interim Ministry, congregations put their Committee on Ministry (COM) on hiatus and that CCLAM is a form of COM. The Executive Committee recommended that the Board approve submitting for congregational vote at the next Congregational meeting a change in our by-laws to add the phrase, “except during periods of interim ministry” to the CCLAM section.*Moved by Laughlin, seconded by Higgins that the Board approve the by-law change and hold a congregational vote on it at the next congregational meeting. Motion carried.*

**Gift of Three Panels:** DeWitt announced that a member (Bruce Alexander) would like to donate three panels to complement the four recently purchased so that all seven of our principles are represented in the community garden. Land Ministry supports accepting the gift. *Moved by Pomrehn, seconded by Honey-Arcement that the Board accept the gift of three panels from Bruce Alexander. Motion carried.*

**First-Year Anniversary Related Updates:** Garrigues provided an update about the first-year anniversary program on October 27th – “*An Evening with Walt Whitman,*” sponsored by the Secular Humanist group. They are working with the publicity committee to promote this event not only within UUS but also to the general public. A few days after meeting, the Board received an Endowment Committee recommendation to allocate $996 from the Detiger Fund to cover expenses for this program. The event will be promoted to UUS members, friends and to the general public, to bring positive visibility to the society, a major component of the Detiger Fund’s mission. *The Board unanimously approved the funding request via email voting*. DeWitt reported that planning is underway to recognize all the task force groups and individuals who worked tirelessly to bring our new building to fruition. Additionally, the presentation of the *Augusta Chapin Meritorious Service Award* to its first recipient will occur during an October Sunday Service.

**Social Justice Action Fund Policy:** Feldmann reported that the Social Justice Action Fund (SJAF) committee met and discussed the Board’s comments about the policy. A fundamental question was posed: “Is a SJAF Board Policy statement needed, and if so, what should it contain?” Rev. Dowgiert said that these are great questions to address during an interim. She will ask the Transition Team to undertake a total system review looking at what goes into a strong congregation. *Moved by Honey-Arcement, seconded Feldmann that the Board table further review of the SJAF policy pending a system review by the Transition Team. Motion carried.*

**Solar PPA:** Pomrehn presented the proposed Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between UU Solar, LLC (UUS member solar panel investors), and UUS. The PPA defines the investor reimbursement terms. He explained that given the complexity of Linn County REC’s rate structure, UUS would provide UU Solar, LLC a flat $12,000 annually (representing a 3.6% return on their original investment). Rode submitted a PPA summary document with prediction models that show this arrangement will result in lower expenditures compared to what our actual cost would have been without the solar array. Rode also noted that the PPA will be reviewed annually; UU Solar, LLC is responsible for maintenance and insurance; and that UUS agrees to purchase the array after 10 years. *Moved by Higgins, seconded Laughlin that the Board approved the Power Purchase Agreement as presented. Motion carried with one abstention.*

**Johnson County Interfaith Coalition (JCIC) Proposal:** Joel Gilbertson-White returned to continue the discussion started in July on whether UUS will participate in the Johnson County Interfaith Coalition (JCIC). His proposal recommends doing so and seeks Board approval. A report by Garrigues states that after she and Rev. Dowgiert met with Rev. Anthony Smith, JCIC President, and Pastor of New Creations International Church, in Iowa City, they both came away supportive of joining the group. DeWitt also received communication that the UUS Racial Justice study/ACTION Circle (RJC) supports joining JCIC. The Board approved UUS joining JCIC. *Moved by Pomrehn, seconded by Feldmann that the Board approve UUS joining the Johnson County Interfaith Coalition (JCIC). Motion carried with one abstention.*

There were no guest comments. Pomrehn reported as process observer, and Laughlin provided closing words. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to Closed Session. The next Board meeting is Thursday, October 11, 2018, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the UUS Conference Room.

Submitted by Peg Voelker, Secretary