**Unitarian Universalist Society
Board of Trustees
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – September 5, 2019**

**Present**: Amy Fretz (President), Joe Rasmussen (Vice-President), Jane DeWitt (Past-President), Chris Rode (Treasurer), Allison Bettine (Secretary), Michael Honey-Arcement (Trustee), Colleen Higgins (Trustee), Rev. Diane Dowgiert (Ex-officio)

**Absent**: Paul Pomrehn (Trustee), John Raley (Finance Trustee)

Board President Fretz called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Fretz provided opening words.

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

*Consent Agenda items: September Board Agenda; September Executive Committee Minutes;* *August Board Meeting Highlights; Minister’s Monthly Report; Treasurer’s Report and Financials*

*Moved by Rode, seconded by DeWitt that the Board receive the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.*

*Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by* *Rode to approve* *the September Board Agenda; September Executive Committee Minutes; August Board Meeting Highlights; Minister’s Monthly Report; Treasurer’s Report and Financials.*

**Board Retreat:** Board members will participate in a retreat on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the East Side Recycling Center from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Board covenant and goals to be workshopped at the retreat while revised policies and bylaws are to be reviewed.

**Negotiating Team:** The Board approved Carmen Griggs to join Joe Rasmussen and Jerry Wetlaufer as the final member of the Negotiating Team.

**Gift Policy:** Rasmussen facilitated the first read of the proposed Gift Policy amendment and was met with positive reception. A second read will occur at the October Board Meeting.

**Membership Policy:** First read of the Membership Policy took place and questions arose regarding certain phrasing and consistency between the policy and our bylaws. Fretz to follow up with Peggy Garrigues and a second read will occur as the next board meeting.

**Library Collection Development Policy:** A first read of the proposed Library Collection Development Policy occurred and the Board does not recommend any changes at this time. Second read will take place in October.

**Religious Education:** The state of religious education and its current challenges were discussed, and a Board Taskforce was formed to create a charge to our congregation encouraging the support of Family Ministry. Rev. Dowgiert recommended the Board examine national trends in faith formation and Sunday schooling.

**Finance and Budget:** Rode reiterated the need for congregational action to be initiated regarding our budget issues. Sunday, October 27, 2019 is the proposed date for the planned Budget Townhall.

**Closing**: Rev. Dowgiert read the closing words, Honey-Arcement gave process observer comments, tasks were reviewed, and Fretz adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m. The next Board meeting is Thursday, October 10, 2019, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the UUS Conference Room.