

Unitarian Universalist Society
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
7:00pm, August 16, 2023, UUS Conference Room
UUS Board Meeting Highlights

Present: Jeff Walberg (President), Rochelle Honey-Arcement (Vice President), Christine Etlar (Secretary), Mike Pavelich (Treasurer), Monique DiCarlo (Trustee), Diana Henry (Trustee), Rev. Diana Smith (Ex-officio)

Absent: none. Quorum met. **Guest:** none

Meeting Opened at 7:07 pm with check-in

Chalice Lighting-Opening Words: Diana Henry (7:24)

Consent Agenda

P1 Board Meeting Minutes – July	P4 Governance Committee Minutes – Aug 13
P2 Minister's Report - July	P5 Land Ministry Report – Aug 14
P3 Treasurer's Report - July	

Motion by Pavelich: Approve the consent agenda; seconded by DiCarlo.

Walberg motioned to amend the minutes; seconded by DiCarlo. The Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the main motion.

Vision of Ministry Development

The annual review of the Vision of Ministry was conducted. A document was developed during the discussion.

Motion by DiCarlo: Adopt this Vision of Ministry as written (with potential minor changes expected); Honey-Arcement seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the main motion.

Set Congregational Meeting Dates

Congregational Meeting dates were set: December 17, 2023 for the Budget meeting and May 19, 2024 for the Elections meeting.

Motion by Pavelich/DiCarlo: Approve the Congregational Meeting dates for the next year; DiCarlo seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Open Question Planning (25 min)

We will solicit input from the congregation on the Open Question that we finalized at the last Board meeting. Multiple opportunities will be provided, beginning with a table at the Opportunities fair (introduction to both questions) and during and after the 9/17 service (1 question, with the second being presented and discussed at a later time). The discussion focused on planning for the upcoming events.

Ministerial Intern for 2024-25 Discussion (Rev. Diana, 15 min)

Rev Diana has an opportunity to supervise a ministerial intern during the 2024-2025 congregational year. Although, this will incur a cost for the intern's stipend, benefits may include fresh input to the ministry and coverage for the sabbatical the Rev Diana has planned for early 2025. Additionally, there is a grant available from the UUA that may defray the costs of having an intern. The application is due in November. Generally, the Board is supportive but we will need input from the Finance Committee. We will revisit the decision at the October meeting.

Right Relations Policy Feedback

The Right Relations Committee has been developing draft documents for our committee charter and a procedure for Restoring Right Relations. The feedback received at this meeting will be taken back to the committee as it develops the documents further. After which, they will present to the Governance committee.

The Right Relations Committee has completed their training and preparations and are ready to advertise to the congregation as a whole. An email will be sent out to members with information on the role of the Committee and a contact email (rightrelations@uusic.org).

Added Agenda Item – Governance Committee Minutes

We briefly discussed the Governance Committee minutes, including their concerns. Rev. Diana and Jeff Walberg will be attending the upcoming meeting to continue the discussion.

Closing

There were no guest comments. Honey-Arcement gave process observer comments, Etlar provided closing words, and the chalice was extinguished. *Pavelich moved to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Henry and it was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.*

Meeting Highlights submitted by Christine Etlar, Board Secretary

Full minutes will be available following the September meeting.