

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

*Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World*



Board Minutes

June 18, 2014

**I. CALL TO ORDER 7:04**

**II. CHALICE LIGHTING AND READING**

**III. CHECK-IN**

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVE MAY 2014 MINUTES ALL**

**B. MINISTER'S REPORT MARY ANN MACKLIN**

**V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

1. MINISTER EMERITUS WORKING GROUP DEB HUTTON
2. STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE ARZETTA HULTS-LOSENSKY
3. BUDGET UPDATE AND APPROVAL ARZETTA HULTS-LOSENSKY
4. REV BREEDEN RETIREMENT KATHLEEN SIDELI

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. JUNE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DEBRIEFING ALL
2. INTERIM MINISTER UPDATE MARY ANN MACKLIN
3. BOARD ORIENTATION PLANNING ALL
4. VISIT TO COLUMBUS JULY 27 ALL
5. MONITORING

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VII. CHECK-OUT ALL**

**VIII. ADJOURN 8:57**

**Attending:** Kathleen Sideli, Abby Gitlitz, Doug Cauble, Arzetta Hults-Losensky, Von Welch (by phone), Deb Hutton

**Not attending:** Drew Schrader

**Ex-officio:** Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

**By invitation of the Board:** Ann LeDuc, Pat Brantlinger

Submitted by Abby Gitlitz, Secretary

## **I. Call to Order**

**7:04**

Call to order by Kathleen Sideli, President, at 7:04

Changes to the agenda: None

## **II. Chalice Lighting and Reading**

Chalice lighting and reading by Abby Gitlitz

## **III. Check-in**

## **IV. Consent Calendar**

### **A. Approve May 2014 minutes**

**All**

Motion by Kathleen: To approve May minutes.

Seconded by Deb.

Vote: approved unanimously.

### **B. Minister's Report**

**Mary Ann Macklin**

The ministers and Molly O'Donnel are in conversation with Community Orchard about planting a tree in Bill's honor.

Molly would like someone to co-chair the Grounds Committee with her.

Lisa Presley, our Regional Congregational Life Consultant, asked if we would like someone to come in from the region to help us with the transition when Reverend Wadkins comes. MAM would like to have a consultant come in.

Amy Taylor is going to try to restart the Chalice Lighters this year with the hopes of getting grants.

We are looking to revamp our website in the near future.

Emily and Von met with a staff person from the Center for Congregations about our technology grant. They stressed that there are still grants available for up to \$15,000 in matching funds every month except December that we should consider applying for.

## **V. Discussion Calendar**

### **A. Old Business**

#### **1. Minister Emeritus Working Group**

**Deb Hutton**

Going forward MEWG, together with Bill, will continue ask that people please respect both Glenda and Denise Breeden by not asking them about Bill during this time of transition.

#### **2. Stewardship Campaign Update**

**Arzetta Hults-Losensky**

As of 6/17/14 we have pledges in of \$507,220, about \$1000 less than we had last year at this same time. Efforts continue to draw in the rest of the pledge units that were expected.

#### **3. Budget Update and Approval**

**Arzetta Hults-Losensky**

Arzetta presented two budgets at the congregational meeting June 8. Due to the total pledges the church has received so far, she proposed that we adopt the lower of the two budgets. If there is a surplus we will use the excess funds for line items edited from the higher budget.

In large part due to our solar panels, for the last month our Duke Energy bill was \$38.39!

Motion by Doug: To approve the lower of the two budgets presented at the June 8, 2014 Congregational Meeting.

Seconded by Deb.

Vote: approved unanimously.

#### **4. Rev Breeden retirement**

**Kathleen Sideli**

A representative of the Board will announce the presentation of a gift to Bill on behalf of the congregation at the June 22 service. The final gift will be given to Bill after July 1.

### **B. New Business**

#### **1. June Congregational Meeting Debriefing**

**All**

Regarding the counting of ballots for the 25% plate pledge, there was some confusion about whether the absolute total number of votes cast for a particular group should be published. The board will ask the 25%plate committee to draft a policy for themselves regarding this for the future. However, since the vote last year was recorded in the annual report submitted by the committee they will do so again this year and will share the vote tally with the organization that was not chosen based on their request for that information.

Bill was touched and thankful for the Board's acknowledgement of the Shared Ministry.

The projection of the slides on the walls of the sanctuary was very successful.

The Board will change the board policies and the bylaws regarding the Senior Minister designation and the UUA's address to reflect the votes from the Congregational Meeting.

## 2. Interim Minister update

Mary Ann Macklin

Mary Ann and Carol Marks have been in contact with Reverend Wadkins regarding his move to Bloomington and start at the church. His start date will be July 1 although he will be on vacation for the first few weeks. In mid-July he will come to Bloomington and begin to meet with the ministers, staff and lay leaders. Aug 3 he will be involved in his first service and on Aug 10 he will be fully involved in the worship at the church. Arzetta is working with him on his retirement package.

## 3. Board Orientation Planning

All

Board orientation will be July 16, 6:00 p.m. for new members.

## 4. Visit to Columbus July 27

All

The Board has arranged with Reverend Dennis McCarty and his board president to attend the Columbus, Indiana UU Church for their Sunday service at 10 a.m. on July 27

## 5. Monitoring

<http://www.uubloomington.org/uuch/govt/boardpolicies2013.pdf>

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*II.A General Senior Minister Constraint*

*--Written report by the Board on effectiveness of existing Limitations policies.  
Required exhibit: summary of policy changes approved by the Board.*

*IV.A-D: Management Team Relationship, Direct inspection by Board of effectiveness of the Board – Senior Minister Relationship*

With regards to II.A General Minister Constraint, the following changes have been made to the Board policies in the last year:

The section that proscribed the Ministers and Staff from committing illegal acts has been omitted.

The designation Executive minister has been changed to Senior minister.

The phrase "Program Team" has been deleted as it is no longer relevant.

Regarding IV.A-D: *Management Team Relationship, Direct inspection by Board of effectiveness of the Board – Senior Minister Relationship*, the wording has been changed to *Direct inspection by Board of effectiveness of the Board – Senior Minister Relationship* since there is no longer a Management Team.

In July we will discuss Ministerial self-monitoring

**VI. Executive Session**

**VII. Check-out**

**All**

**VIII. Adjourn**

**8:57**

Motion by Doug: To adjourn.

Seconded by Deb.

Vote: approved unanimously.