

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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

Approved Board Minutes

August 10, 2016

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**Board members attending:** Pat Brantlinger, Doug Cauble, Arzetta Hults-Losensky, Helmut Hentschel, Connie Nelson-Laird, Von Welch.

**Ministers attending:** Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Rev. Scott McNeill, Rev. Emily Leite.

**Submitted by:** Because Deb Hutton could not be at the meeting, Pat took minutes.

**Documents attached:**

1. Special Purposes Fund (SPF) Report to the Board 01/01/16-06/30/2016.

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm

Call to order by Von Welch, President, at 7:00 pm.

II. CHALICE LIGHTING AND READING

Chalice lighting and reading by Connie from Maya Angelou's *Passports*.

III. CHECK-IN

Attendance and check-in.

IV. MAIN MEETING

A. Approval of minutes from July meeting.

Moved by Doug. Seconded by Arzetta. Unanimous approval.

B. Senior minister's report.

Rev. Macklin stated that the last couple of months have been exciting, partly because of the arrival of Rev. McNeill. She will begin asking staff to send her their "accomplishments" on a weekly basis. She will send her own accomplishments to the Board. She thinks this will be a good way of taking stock on a weekly basis. For the staff, there will be a special focus on Seeking the Spirit. This should help with the commission on appraisal the UUA conducts every 3 or 4 years. She then mentioned that she hopes UUCB will be able to create more connections in Bloomington. Also, the theme of the month pattern will continue at least through December. We will be having an installation for Scott. She plans to upgrade visual technology in the sanctuary and

will consider a Resource Grant from the Center for Congregation to support that task. Finally, she announced that she had just won the 2016 Westwood Award of \$2000 for “doing great ministry.” The Board said well-deserved!

### C. Old Business.

1. Von asked if we have all gone through safety training. Most have; others will soon.
2. Von mentioned the by-law changes related to SPF from the June Congregational meeting are still pending Deb’s return from vacation.
3. The appointment of the Finance Committee was deferred to allow more time to find a new member.
4. Pat handed out a new version of the draft for a Healthy Communications policy or covenant. It contains a new item regarding use of social media. He said he thought the social media guidelines from the Houston church could be given to the new HC Committee as a “resource.” Some needed changes were identified – e.g. the vision needed to be changed to match our congregation’s vision. The Board agreed that “a slow roll-out” and “socializing” the new policy or covenant among the congregation before bringing it to the entire congregation for approval at an upcoming Congregational Meeting was a good idea. Von thanked the drafting committee (Pat, Angela Lexmond, and Dan Wiseman) and said its work is now finished. Mary Ann said bringing it up next month will work well because the theme will be “covenant.” The Board discussed the ultimate nature of the document and agreed it should be understood as a covenant. Pat will circulate the electronic source to the Board for editing and the Board will vote to endorse it as a covenant at a future meeting.
5. The Board agreed to hold the MidAmerica Start-Up workshop for Rev. McNeill and the Board on Sept. 23-24. There will be a home football game that Saturday there may be a problem with parking at the church so alternate venues will be explored.

### D. New Business

See attached: Special Purposes Fund (SPF) Report to the Board 01/01/16-06/30/2016.

Arzetta and Helmut presented the SPF report for the first half of 2016 and the Board thanked her and the committee for their excellent work. Mary Ann mentioned that \$300 apiece would be set aside for each social justice task force. Helmut mentioned that Stuart Yoak has asked to be replaced on the SPF committee. Von suggested that while the Board, per the bylaws, is responsible for appointing Stuart’s replacement, that it requests the Leadership Cultivation Committee make a suggestion to the Board.

Helmut and Arzetta mentioned the SPF committee has been discussing their relationship to the Board and wondering if the SPF being an independent committee outside of the board’s fiduciary control was an appropriate model. The SPF committee will consider this further and may bring a proposal to the Board for further discussion.

## E. Visioning and Open Questions

Von asked us to turn our attention to visioning and open questions, as discussed in Hotchkiss's book on ministry and governing congregations. The Board spent about 30 minutes contemplating questions and issues it might tackle this year, including:

- How we interact with our wider community?
- How we go about "seeking the spirit"?
- How the Board's goals relate to UUCB's goals?
- Does the Board have spiritual goals, or is it just about business?
- Making UU and our church more broadly known in Bloomington and beyond.
- What will our relationship to the broader community (including other counties) look like in five years? Reaching out to Brown County was discussed.
- How would we bridge our currently polarized political followers?
- The exercise from Tandy Roger's visit, in which we identified "places in our community that break our hearts," was mentioned. Places included nursing homes, child court, and the Monroe County jail.
- Our existing relationships with our Muslim friends and neighbors, and Habitat for Humanity were mentioned as successes.

The Board will continue these discussions at upcoming meetings and the planned retreat, selecting a small number of topics as foci for the remainder of the year.

## V. Executive Session

The Board met in executive session at 8:45 pm.

## VI. Adjournment 9:10 pm

Motion by Von: To adjourn.

Seconded by: Arzetta.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

**Next meeting: September 21, 2016**

## Special Purposes Fund Board Report – 01/01/16 to 06/30/16

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<b>Endowment Accounts</b>							3
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
	95,840.56	5,623.54	-1,946.97	-10,000.00			89,517.13
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<b>Investments</b>							7
	100% Vanguard Wellington fund						8
	(approximately 2/3 equities and 1/3 bonds)						9
	Investment profile has not changed in this period.						10
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<b>General Accounts</b>							12
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
	175,294.30	8,663.75	1,946.97	8,520.00	2,583.26	-49,812.43	147,195.85
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<b>Income</b>							16
	Lundin SJ Grants Fund: refund of unused 2015 grant						
2/3/2016	money, Repro Justice				78.26		17
2/17/2016	Legacy Fund: in memory of Paul Lane				25.00		18
	Lundin SJ						
6/3/2016	Grants Fund				1,000.00		19
6/14/2016	Owens Round Window Fund				1,480.00		20
				<b>Income Total</b>	2,583.26		21
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<b>Expenses</b>							23
1/11/2016	MCUM donation from Lundin MCUM Classroom Fund				17,078.00		24
5/19/2016	UU Church: Ground Endowment Inc 16Q2 and 16Q3				206.44		25
4/26/2016	UU Church: Woodbury Ordination				2,000.00		26
5/18/2016	UU Church: Vigil Training				1,999.00		27
6/8/2016	Hilliard Lyons				20,000.00		28
6/14/2016	UU Church: Moving expenses				8,528.99		29
				<b>Expense Total</b>	49,812.43		30
							31
							32
<b>Investments</b>							33
3%	Checking Register						34
2%	Hilliard Lyons: Canada precious metals						35

17%	Vanguard ...4291 I-T Investment-Grade Inv	33
16%	Vanguard ...4291 S-T Investment-Grade Inv	34
62%	Vanguard ...0780 Wellington Fund Inv	35

## Comments

After more than a year of deliberation, the Committee resolved to withdraw \$10,000 each from the Endowment and General Wellington Funds and invest the proceeds equally in two divested accounts, Parnas and S&P Ex-Energy, both through our existing Hilliard Lyons broker. At close of this reporting period this \$20,000 was in checking, pending delivery to Hilliard Lyons. The divested fund purchases were performed early in July. This will be reflected in future reports with creation of a Divested Accounts report section.

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We request the Board appoint a replacement for Stuart Yoak who has tendered his resignation from the Committee for personal reasons.

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## Committee

Chris Haynes (Chair), Arzetta Hults-Losensky (Board Treasurer), Helmut Hentschel (Board appointed), Joanne Wilhelm (Secretary), and Stuart Yoak (Vice-chair)

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