

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

Approved Minutes of the April 18, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting

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Attending: Steve Dillon, Abby Gitlitz, Chris Haynes, Carol McCord, John Summerlot

Not attending: John Lawson, Kevin Rottet

Ex-officio: Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Call to order by Steve Dillon, President, at 7:05

Motion: Approve the March 21, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting minutes

Moved by Abby Gitlitz second by John Summerlot

Vote: approved unanimously

Executive Minister's Report

Reverend Mary Anne Macklin reported that our Director of Religious Education (DRE), Cindy Port, has just given notice of resignation, effective in two weeks, to accept a step up in her professional development. There are promising plans for hiring an interim DRE and managing the transition.

A working group has been formed to apply for a major Lilly Foundation media technology grant.

Calendar

The Town Hall Meeting will be on May 13th between services. The Board Retreat will be on May 12th from 2:30 to 6:30pm, at Steve's place on Lake Lemon, with nominated Board members encouraged to attend.

Stewardship Campaign

Abby Gitlitz reported the Campaign is going very well.

Congregational Meeting Agenda

Steve Dillon presented draft minutes for the upcoming Congregational Meeting. There was agreement on a few changes. It was also agreed that representatives of candidates for the Sunday Plate 25% vote would make presentations during the Sunday services on the day of the Meeting (rather than during the Meeting), and be available to answer questions between services.

Review Executive Minister Relationship

Board / Executive Minister relationship and communication was briefly reviewed, per Policy IV. A-D and IV H. It was agreed we are doing very well.

Treasure's Report

The Board reviewed the written report of Treasurer John Lawson. The report included a draft budget proposal for the coming year, per Policy II.D1, and financial condition report, per Policy II.E.

Visioning

There was discussion of the value of presentation of important data (such as membership, Sunday attendance, and total budget) in the context of graphs that support visualization of change over time. In some cases more than one graph may be useful, one showing short term (annual) fluctuations and another long term trends. There was agreement that reports to the Board should include such graphs when appropriate, which will significantly aid the Boards visioning.

There was agreement that it would be valuable to have such time graphs of stewardship levels for various support level categories.

It was agreed that as an (informal) ongoing policy, the Executive Minister should be invited to part, but not all, of Board retreats. Other minister(s) may be invited at the discretion of the Executive Minister.

There was also agreement that:

- the Ministers should report their ideas on vision to the Board at regular intervals.
- Board Meeting agendas should routinely include Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Carol McCord, second by John Summerlot

Vote: approved unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM