



**UTUUC Board of Trustees Meeting Notes**  
March 8, 2016 - 805 S. Blvd  
6:30pm

**Attendees:**

Board: Alec Brownlow, Kathy Clark, Dan Crimmins, Alison Price and Amanda Sonneborn.

A-Team: Elizabeth Plummer and Alan Taylor

Guests: Special welcome to Scott Aaseng

Centering – done at 6:31 by Alan Taylor

**Consent Agenda and A-team Report. (Dan)**

- Scott Aaseng: Request approval to affiliate with Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation as a Community Minister starting in the fall of 2016. Alec will set up meeting with Scott and Alan to decide how to formalize this either by vote or affirmation. We will review at next month's BOT meeting. UUANI seeks to empower Unitarian Universalists in Illinois to advocate effectively for UU values by:
  - strengthening UU congregations to become more powerful agents of social change
  - connecting congregations with each other and with partners aligned with our values
  - Mobilizing for action around issues of common concern.
- Financials – As the projected move in date has been pushed back to December 2016 it is a safe assumption that we can cut the following budget allocations (close to \$10,000) from building maintenance and utilities. Those items will be taken off the projected budget and variance will be adjusted accordingly.
- As of March 3 the annual fund drive has received commitments from 351 households, raising a total pledge amount of \$709,478.43 and we are currently at 91% of our goal of \$784,358.
- Kudos to Alan Taylor for his extensive work being done in our community.
- Ed McDevitt sent the A Team and Board President a request to put together a task force addressing archive documentation, to create protocols and policies how we keep our documents. We are taking him up on that.
- Alec motioned to approve agenda – Amanda seconded. Unanimous Vote.



#### Update about Gale House meeting with VOP (Michelle) –

- Tabled until next month. Michelle is looking to get a meeting over the next two weeks.
- Update on potential other location: Members Steve Brod and Daniel Becker have received copies of the prospective demolition and build-out plans created by JoBeth Halpin and Francis Figg in order to provide a cost estimate. I do not have that estimate at this time. On behalf of the RE Team, Kimberly Brumirski has also volunteered to work on the New Space Task Force.

#### Daring to Dream (Rob and Alison)

- Confirmation of April 22 and 23 for review session - Gale House Friday Night – all facilitators, A-team and BOT. Saturday BOT only and location TBD (?) Alison will confirm the plan before the meeting next month.
- As of today (with BOT and facilitators) 110 people have attended sessions.
- **Upcoming Sessions: Help promote!**
  - 3/9 – 6:30 PM Terry Grace's house
  - 3/12 1-3:30 Unity Office –Shirley and BOT TBD
  - 3/16 6-9:30 Sharon Storbeck's house Sharon Storbeck's house
  - 3/20 – During Service – High School Youth (Alison Price)
  - 3/21 6-9:30 Gale House – Alison Price
- Next steps: April Session confirmation, fill up remaining sessions in March and wrap up.

#### Treasurer's Update (Amanda)

- Reviewed the proposals for restructuring the endowment fund and restructuring the finance and investment committees.
- Committees would work together and vote on decisions regarding gifts and investments together, allowing for a more consistent and ability to document for historical review and future planning.
- Review proposal submitted from Amanda - Let her know if you would like to meet on this before the next BOT meeting, so that April Meeting will include the suggestions.
- Regarding shortfall from pledges for 2016 and proposed budget. Review Balance Sheet and suggestions for making up the difference. Need to not only cut costs but also look at raising money to help fill the difference.
- Great job Amanda helping us navigate these complicated proposals.



Preservation Task Force Update (Dan)

- Art Glass issue: only manufacturer of the zinc outlies has gone out of business. Not enough found through warehouses and dealers to replace all of the needed parts. Equipment used to create the materials has been located, but is 100 years old. Contingency plans being reviewed.
- Other items of construction are following on schedule and on track.
- Infrastructure costs of congregation (audio/visual, computer, etc.) will cost more than planned.

UTP/LLC Update (Dan) – none.

Other new business

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 Amanda motioned, Kathy seconded – vote unanimous.