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CONGREGATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
805 South Boulevard
7:00 PM : : March 14, 2017

Attendees

Board: Bill Crozier, Dave Willard, Anne Devaud, Alec Brownlow, Kathy Clark, Amanda Sonnenborn, Rob Bellmar (by phone)

A-Team: Alan Taylor, Emily Gage, Elizabeth Plummer

1. Alan centered us at 7:05.
2. Rob did a check-in.
3. Consent Agenda – Kathy discussed all the meaningful information in the A-team’s reports and Bill inquired about our UUA pledge. Motion to approve by Anne and seconded by Alec. Approved unanimously.
4. Financial Update – We reviewed the budget. Alan shared that a major donor donated their gift to fulfill their 2016 pledge, which was very helpful. Elizabeth said that we are within \$10,000 of meeting the (2016) pledge goal. Elizabeth said there was no update from Dan Crimmins on Alphawood donating to assist with additional needs when we move back to UT, but there continued to be a positive feeling about it. Elizabeth shared that the work on 1019 would begin this week.
5. Update on Transition Teams activities – Alan shared that the many teams are hard at work and there are multiple exciting plans in development for moving back to UT this summer. There was a discussion about how to recognize Alphawood and/or other donors at a function.
6. Taking moral stands as a congregation – Alan shared that he often receives requests for the congregation to take a stand on an issue. He shared that our congregation has been more of a “powerful” congregation rather than an “activist” congregation. It was determined that some issues are easy to say yes to, as the congregation’s and UU’s views are already known, such as supporting transgendered rights. Other issues may require more discussion. Alan stated there is a specific protocol for some issues, wherein a member of the congregation can start a Motion of Conscience and the congregation discusses it at a Congregational Meeting. Another route to take is that Alan brings a request to the Board to vote on. We also discussed the complexities of filing an Amicus Brief. It was determined that we will look at each request case-by-case.
7. UU trip to Boston – Additional funds are needed for the trip for the youth, as expenses have notably risen. A one-time fundraising event, being the Art Show fundraiser, was discussed. Bill moved to approve it and Kathy seconded. The fundraiser was approved unanimously.
8. Additional Business – nothing additional was discussed.
9. Adjourning – Anne motioned and Bill seconded. It was approved unanimously. Meeting ended at 8:35.