

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Board of Trustees Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines occurred on Thursday April 14, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

In attendance: Board Members: Mike Stimson, Jean Rommes, Katy Philby, Margaret Schultz, Shelly Kaldenberg, Steve Evans, Ross Loder, and Zac Bailey, Absent: Brandon Bundt, Staff Members: Deb Dessert, Tracy Beck. Church Members: Harvey Harrison.

The meeting was opened with the Chalice Lighting and Opening Words.

Deb Dessert presented the proposed 2016-2017 Budget. The budget presented represents a reduction in income from last year and very carefully thought-out reductions in expenditures designed to have the least possible impact on programming. After Board asked questions of Deb, Harvey expressed concern about budget cuts and lack of staff responsiveness. Zac and Jean will meet with Harvey prior to the next Board meeting to review and understand his concerns more fully and to determine next steps.

Presentation of New Values, Mission, and Ends, Zac and Jean will create powerpoint, BoT Members attend to assist, and add thoughts and comments during 3 sessions, 1st Service on May 8, Wed Evening on May 11, and 2nd Service on May 22.

Nominations for Board, 2 applications received, additional applications expected.

Tomorrow team report.

Administrative Items

The Executive Report was reviewed

March Meeting Minutes approved by consensus

Endowment Investment Committee: Need 1 member

Endowment Disbursements Committee: Need 1 Member

Shelly will collect Unsung UU nomination

Call for delegates for Mid-American in April

Call for delegates for General Assembly in June

Meeting Recap

At approximately 7:30, The meeting was adjourned by a consensus of the body.

Respectfully submitted,

Zac Bailey, Secretary