

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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## Board Minutes

May 20, 2015

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**Attending:** Kathleen Sideli, Von Welch, Ann LeDuc, Doug Cauble, Deb Hutton, Pat Brantlinger

**Not attending:** Arzetta Hults-Losensky

**Ex-officios:** Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Doug Wadkins

Submitted by Ann LeDuc, Secretary

## **I. Call to Order 7:04 PM**

Call to order by Kathleen Sideli, President, at 7:04 PM

Changes to the agenda: None

## **II. Chalice Lighting and Reading**

Chalice lighting and reading by Von.

## **III. Check-in**

Attendance and check-in.

## **IV. Main Meeting**

### **A. Approval of Previous Board Minutes**

Motion to: approve the April 2015 Board of Directors Meeting minutes by Doug Cauble.

Seconded by Von.

Vote: approved unanimously.

### **B. Minister's Report Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

Due to the large number of 8<sup>th</sup> graders expected in religious education next year, there is a need to create a larger classroom. Creating two large classrooms, out of the three upstairs classrooms is being considered. The two walls separating the rooms would be removed and one new wall would be built. Reverend Macklin has been discussing the idea with Building and Grounds. The estimate for the work is \$2,100.00.

Reverend Macklin and Judy Bennett, Connections Coordinator, have been discussing the fact that there are less people in the building for church services and more people attending via live streaming. Live streaming averages around 40 sites each Sunday, which may be more than one person.

Making a change to one service for summer has been under consideration for an extended period of time. The interim period is a good time to try out going to one summer service. Since summer attendance is usually lower than the rest of the year, having one service will give the church a feeling of increased energy by having more attendees per service. During the last two weekends in June and all of July there will be only one service. Reverend Macklin will work with Sunday morning staff and lay leaders to plan for the change to one service.

Reverend Macklin is looking forward to our guest speaker, Chris Long, this coming Sunday.

Reverend Macklin took part in both graduation ceremonies and Honors Day at IU. These are great outreach opportunities for our church.

Ministerial Intern, Natalie Spriggs-Trobridge, and Acting Connections Coordinator, Sheri Woodbury, will hopefully be present next week to be together with all the staff.

## **C. Old Business**

### **1. Stewardship Campaign Update**

We are currently at about \$440K in pledges. 70 letters have been mailed to people who pledged last year, but not yet this year.

### **2. Draft Budget (2015-16)**

See attached Proposed Budget 2015-2016.

Total expense increase for this year is 5% over the past year.

The Board is in agreement with the budget as projected.

### **3. Attorney Search Update Kathleen Sideli**

A congregational member, who is a retiring attorney, was discussed as a possible candidate to fill the role of church legal counsel. Kathy will approach this person to see if they are willing to assist the church in this role.

### **4. Update on SPF and Green Spaces Debt Von Welch**

SPF has provided the funds to cover the bad debt incurred as a result of the unpaid pledges. If the late pledges are paid, that money will be given to SPF as reimbursement.

## **D. New Business**

### **1. June Congregational Meeting Planning**

See attached congregational meeting agenda.

A discussion occurred regarding the need to allow time to answer questions about the ministerial search process.

Multiple changes to the proposed agenda were made.

The board will make a motion to endorse the MSC. The bylaws clearly do not allow for nominations from the floor.

Reverend Manvel-Leite will not be present for the congregational meeting. Any questions that arise regarding the interim work with the RE program will be answered with the assistance of Reverend Wadkins.

## **2. Ministerial Search Committee: Next Steps**

Kathy will ask MSC members to have a short meeting at the end of the congregational meeting to establish a MSC contact person.

We need to provide MSC budget information to the MSC.

The Board will meet with the MSC for a social gathering late in the summer, after the MSC retreat.

## **3. RE Program Issues**

There have been meetings and discussions regarding issues with our RE program. The board feels the need to address these issues.

The board, in consultation with the ministers, decided that a consultant should be hired to look at best practices and vision for our RE program.

Reverend Wadkins will inform the congregation of the consultancy.

## **4. Ministerial Summer Schedule**

Reverend Wadkins will be on vacation immediately following the congregational meeting in June. He will return in July to provide ministerial coverage for July and August. Reverend Macklin will take some time away from ministry in July and August to gain a better understanding of what she desires for her future ministry.

## **V. Executive Session 8:56 PM**

The board met in executive session at 8:56 PM.

## **VI. Adjournment 9:42 PM**

Motion to: adjourn by Von.

Seconded by Deb.

Vote: approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

