

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World

Approved **Board** Minutes

May 24, 2017



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Board members attending: Von Welch, Connie Nelson Laird, Helmut Hentschel, Arzetta Hults-Losensky, Deb Hutton, Doug Cauble, Pat Brantlinger.

Not attending: None.

Present by invitation of the Board: Stephanie Kimball, Molly O'Donnell.

Ministers attending: Reverend Mary Ann Macklin.

Submitted by: Deb Hutton.

Documents attached:

1. Senior Ministers Board report 2017-05-24.
2. Reports to the Board May 2017.

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM

Call to order by Von Welch, President, at 7:00 PM.

Changes to the agenda:

- a) Von: Congratulations to Rev. Macklin on her 2017 Women Excel Bloomington Award from Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce
- b) Add final MEWG Update to Old Business.

II. Chalice Lighting and Reading

Chalice lighting and reading by Von.

III. Check-in

Attendance, Check-in, & Determination of Quorum.

IV. Approve Minutes

Motion by Von: To approve the **March 2017 Board of Directors Meeting** minutes, as amended.

Seconded by: Arzetta.

Vote: Approved unanimously, as amended.

Motion by Von: To approve the **April 2017 Board of Directors Meeting** minutes, as amended.

Seconded by: Doug.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Approval of **December 2016 Congregational Meeting** minutes deferred to June.

V. Minister's Report Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

1. Minister's Report (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Stephanie Kimball, Molly O'Donnell)

See Green Sanctuary Task Force's Solar Array Expansion Report May 2017 in Reports to the Board, May 2017 (attached).

Motion by Von: To endorse the SPF proposal as presented.

Seconded by: Arzetta.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

See attached: Senior Ministers Board Report 2017-05-24.

VI. Old Business

1. Final MEWG Update (Deb)

2. Pledge Day Debrief (Von, All)

Great event and a fun day! A significant number of people pledged earlier than usual and may have drawn in new people to UUCB. Many people volunteered throughout the day and also participated in different events. Staff has done a full debrief. The feeling of fellowship was wonderful!

3. Pledge Campaign Update (Rev. Macklin, Arzetta)

Committed pledges have reached \$555,029 by this afternoon. The Board recommends aiming for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 proposed committed pledge amount of \$600,000.

4. Future of Stewardship Committee Update (Helmut, Von)

See notes in Reports to the Board May 2017 (attached).

5. Covenant of Right Relations (CRR) Revision 3 (Connie)

See notes in Reports to the Board May 2017 (attached).

The CRR and RR Committee will be brought to Congregational Meeting in June.

6. Proposed Monitoring Revisions (Rev. Macklin, Von)

See notes in Reports to the Board May 2017 (attached).

Motion by Von: To accept proposed revisions to Board policies.

Seconded by: Deb.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

7. Sanctuary Update (Rev. Macklin)

On June 17th, a training will take place in Fellowship Hall as part of the Immigration Witnessing program. Reverend Macklin will attend. Reverend Macklin and Reverend McNeill met with local immigration lawyers in April to discuss the realities of the immigration situation here in Bloomington---a sobering meeting. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) has been present in Bloomington but we do not know to what extent. Local undocumented people are living under fearful

circumstances. Our Refugee Task Force will expand to include immigrant issues - Refugee and Immigration Task Force.

VII. Monitoring (per Board Policies, Section V)¹

1. *IV.A-D: Senior Minister Relationship* (every month)

Everything is doing well.

2. Report from “Coffee with the Board” (Pat)

Nothing to report.

3. Other Observations (All)

Great feedback on the installation – seen as very powerful!!

VIII. New Business

1. **Need to reschedule June 21st Board meeting (Von)**

See notes in Reports to Board May 2017 (attached).

June Board meeting moved to June 28th.

2. **Preparing for June 11th Congregational Meeting (Von)**

Discussion of who will attend and tasks for each.

3. **Meeting Among UUCB Financial Groups (Von)**

See notes in Reports to the Board (attached).

IX. Executive Session

The board met in executive session at 8:58 PM.

X. Adjournment 9:18 PM

Motion by Von: To adjourn.

Seconded by: Doug.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Future Planning

Board Calendar - Board Policies

Next Board meeting:

- June 28th (because Von has a conflict)
 - Final meeting of this Board
- Reading: _____
- Staff report: None
- Monitoring:
 - II.A: General Senior Minister Constraint
 - Written report by the Board on effectiveness of existing Limitations policies.
Required exhibit: summary of policy changes approved by the Board.
 - IV.A-D: Board – Senior Minister Relationship (every month)

Upcoming announcements: 5/21 Doug, 5/28 Pat, 6/4 Arzetta, 6/11 Von, 6/18 Deb, 6/25 Connie

Board Goals and Open Questions for 2016-17 Board Year

- Based on Hotchkiss, Dan (2016-01-14). Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership, Chapter 8. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition
- Goals to Be Completed in 2016-17
 - Establish Healthy Communications Covenant and Healthy Communications Committee
 - Determine and Establish next step for Stewardship
- Open questions for 2016-17. To be explored by the Board with thoughts captured in Minutes or supplemental reports.
 - Who is our larger community? What is our message to and relationship with them?
 - What do we see our church becoming in the future? What will we leave to the future UUs?
- Proposed plan to address Goals and Open Questions
 - Nov: Discuss charge re Stewardship Futures
 - Dec: Finalize charge re Stewardship Future, launch WG. Discuss (i) Who is our larger community?
 - Jan: Discuss (ii) What do we see our church becoming in the future?
 - Feb: Discuss (i) Who is our larger community?
 - Mar: Discuss (ii) What do we see our church becoming in the future?
 - Apr: Receive report re Stewardship Future
 - May: Draft report for minutes. Consider HCC next steps at June Congregational Meeting.
 - Jun: Finalize report on Goals and Questions to include with minutes.

May 24, 2017
UUCB Board Report
Senior Minister
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

PLEDGING

Our first Pledge Day! Earth Day! Celebration went well. The weather cooperated better than expected. Good participation and connections. Staff did a great job of pulling together activities and we had lots of help from volunteers throughout the day. Thanks to Board for being with phones. Our online pledging seems to have been a great deal. We sent out 50+ letters today to former pledgers who have yet to pledge this year. (see attached with insert) I wrote numerous handwritten messages.

POSSIBLE INTERN

I met with Elizabeth Valencia Gutierrez, current student at Meadville Lombard, regarding her internship time with our congregation. I have been her Teaching Pastor this past year. Elizabeth may postpone a 2017-2018 Internship or do one half time.

AUCTION

The Auction results were the best ever. Over \$18,000. Thanks Debbie Fish and her many volunteers and all those bidders who bought and bought and drove up prices.

AUGUST

I will be gone the full month of August. Reverend McNeill and I are exploring the idea of a student minister in July and August.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

We had the largest delegation there. Reverend Scott McNeill attended and served on the Right Relationship Team.

WELLSPRING

We have sent in our \$1500 to register for this program of spiritual deepening. Our core team meets again on May 31st to plan for the rest of the summer. We will have a training here September 9th with Reverend Kimberley Debus. She will be in our pulpit on September 10th.

BELOVED CONVERSATIONS

We hope to have 30 participants for the next round of Beloved Conversations, which will take place in October of 2017.

IU GRADUATIONS

I offered the Invocation at the 2017 IU Graduate Graduation as well as the second Undergraduate Graduation the next day. I hear from UU students and faculty how wonderful it is to have their minister up on the Platform. I enjoy serving the IU community through this function. Plus, I make some great connections during the process.

INTERACTIVE THEATER

We had a full house here for an Interactive Theater with Diane Kondrat on May 12th, Friday evening at 6:30pm. PR included a WFIU radio interview by George Walker with Diane and me. The theater pieces were followed by a reception and a panel consisting of: Dr. Ivy Lee, Nurse Practitioner Sharon Parsons, Diane Kondrat, Gary Wiggins of Compassion and Choices, and me. Amazing evening of education and sharing around end-of-life issues. I am currently working with five UUs to form an End-of –Life Task Force here at UUCB. Members of our VALE program assisted at this event. At our last VALE meeting, May 21st, we had guest speaker Kathleen Webber to talk about dementia in end-of-life scenarios.

REVEREND MCNEILL INSTALLATION

A great celebration. Wonderful guest minister, Mary Katherine Mourn, and lots of participation from lay leaders. I offered the Charge to the Congregation. Thanks to Connie Nelson Laird and Doug Cauble. Great Job. Also, wonderful to have MidAmerica consultant Reverend Sharon Dittmar in our pulpit the next day.

MAM

Received the Women's Excel Bloomington award from Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

Hope things will slow down a bit this summer.

Reports to the Board

Von Welch, President

May 24th, 2017

Green Spaces Task Force Report

Signed into law this spring, SEA 309 ultimately ends net-metering arrangements for customers of Duke Energy and other investor-owned utilities in Indiana. However, net metering does not end abruptly.

- Those who already own solar panels or complete installations by Dec. 31, 2017 will be “grandfathered” to keep their net metering agreement until 2047 (30 years).
- Those who install solar from 2018 through 2022 will be eligible for net metering until 2032 (10 to 15 years).
- Those installing solar after 2022 will not be eligible for net metering.

Important: Adding panels to an existing solar array requires a new interconnection agreement with the utility. That new agreement will be subject to the net metering rules in effect at the time. SO... if we add to our array after the end of this year, we will lose out on at least 15 years of net metering for our entire system.

Currently, Duke Energy recommends requesting interconnection by October 1 in order for it to be processed by the Dec. 31 deadline.

Solar Panels and Social Justice

Monroe County Solar for All is a Bloomington-based nonprofit with a mission to make solar power available to all, including those with low- and moderate- income (LMI). Solar for All works with “solarize” programs such as the Bloomington Solarize Initiative and the upcoming SUN for All program. Solarize programs are group-purchase agreements that ensure low prices for solar customers and a large volume of work for solar contractors. SFA arranges for a small portion of the economy-of-scale benefit to be used to purchase solar equipment for low- and moderate income (LMI) households. SFA then trains volunteers to install the panels, and helps finance additional costs as needed. Solar for All has been accepted as a contestant in the U.S. Department of Energy’s (Sunshot) *Solar in Your Community Challenge*, which aims to spur innovation in increasing access to solar energy for LMI households. This competition began in May, 2017, and continues until October, 2018.

SUN for All is a project of Prosperity Indiana, SIREN (Solar Indiana Renewable Energy Network) and Monroe County Solar for All. SUN for All is establishing solarize programs in several communities around the state (tentative, unofficial list: Kokomo, Lafayette/West Lafayette, Carmel/Hamilton County, Indianapolis, Jeffersonville/New Albany/Clarksville, Columbus, Nashville, Greensburg, and Bloomington) with the goals of:

- enabling as many solar installations as possible before the first net metering deadline of 12/31/17 and in the beginning of the second net-metering period (2018-2022);
- installing solar panels on LMI households, as enabled by the group purchase agreement;
- encouraging non-profits and other businesses to “go solar” while net metering is in effect;

- becoming a model program for increasing access to solar for LMI households, possibly with recognition from the Dept. of Energy through the Sunshot competition. UUCB (and others) can help bring solar panels to LMI households either by participating in the SUN for All solarize program OR making a donation directly to SFA.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Kimball, co-chair of GSTF, and Project Coordinator for Solar For All Indiana. kimball.stephanie@gmail.com ; 812-361-3889.

Old Business

Future of Stewardship Report Update

The [Future of Stewardship Report](#) (Section 2.2) has been updated based on feedback from Chris Haynes, Chair of the SPF committee.

Proposed Monitoring Revision

Motion: Accepted proposed [revisions to Board policies](#).

New Business

Need to Reschedule June 21st Board Meeting

Connie, Doug, and Von are unavailable on the 21st.

Motion: Reschedule the June Board meeting to June 28th.

Failing the 28th, reschedule to the 14th.

Meeting Between UUCB Financial Groups

A meeting between Stewardship, SPF, and Planned Giving is being scheduled in June after the Congregational Meeting. If any Board Members would like to attend, let Von know.

Monitoring

IV.A-D: Board – Senior Minister Relationship (every month)

There have been no issues with the Board Senior Minister relationship.