

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa
August 16, 2018**

MINUTES

Voting Members Present: Natalie Brundred (President), Sean Freese (Vice President), Michael Randolph (Treasurer), Cathie Wiese (Corporate Secretary), John Jaffray, Gretchen Paradis, Gretchen Vap, Karen Simmons, Joe Como.

Voting Members Absent: Sara Jones

Non-Members Present: Rev. Chris Bell, Linda Stabler, Susan Thollaug

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Chalice Lighting, Covenant, Opening Words: Rev. Chris and Natalie

Agenda review: The agenda was approved without modification.

Minutes: June minutes were approved as submitted.

Open Mic:

- (1) Gretchen Vap reported that the Glaser Center Committee has identified a need for additional projection equipment (cables, adaptors, projectors, etc.), and an improved way of organizing and tracking that equipment. Rev. Chris and Janis will meet and handle.

- (2) Natalie relayed a request from Stewardship Chair Erin Howseman for volunteers for the Five to Thrive Party on September 29. Two members volunteered for each of three shifts.

Special Session on Health Insurance Costs - with Linda Stabler, Chair of HR Consulting Group

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - Michael Randolph

Michael provided a primer for the Board on how the accounting of UUCSR's finances is handled. This was offered as a framework for board members' carrying out their fiduciary responsibility to the congregation.

Michael noted that we ended the 2017/18 fiscal year with a \$17k surplus. We are continuing to raise funds through the Initiative to fund our new part-time minister. In the spring of 2019, we'll probably launch another initiative.

Minister's Report - Rev. Chris Bell

NEW BUSINESS

A Pacific Western Regional Development Day will be offered at UUSF on October 20th, 10 am – 4 pm. It will provide training for UU board members in our region and enable them to exchange ideas with representatives from other congregations. Several Board members were interested.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Liaison & Talk to a Board Member Updates

These are permanent agenda items. Committee liaisons share any information or requests from UUCSR's committees that the Board should know about or act upon, and feedback from the Congregation to Board members via "Talk to a Board Member" (TTABM) is addressed.

Gretchen V reported that the Glaser Center Committee has reached a consensus recommendation that the congregation should not further explore bringing a pre-school into the building. It would cost about \$100k to get the building up to the expected and required standards.

Cathie W volunteered to make a new sign for TTABM.

Final Questions and Closing Words

Meeting adjourned: 8:38 pm

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 6:30 pm in the UUCSR Board Room

Respectfully submitted by Susan Thollaug, Recording Secretary.