

First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church
1959 Sandy Lane
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Board of Trustees - Regular meeting
January 15, 2017

Minutes

Board members present: Michael Zepeda, Mary West, Charlotte Bailey, Bill Maginnis, as well as Reverend Jennifer Innis, ex-officio member.

The meeting was held at First Jefferson, in Jagers Parlor.

Meeting called to order at 1:09 p.m. by Michael Zepeda.

Mary West stated that a quorum was present.

All members updated the agenda.

Reverend Innis appointed Process Observer and Bill Maginnis appointed timekeeper.

A brief check-in occurred.

The Board reviewed the December minutes. Minutes accepted.

The previous month's action items were reviewed -- Michael has not yet met with Mathieu Thiem concerning the Kitchen Committee. Michael confirmed with Patrick Gutierrez regarding LDC. Two more members need to be identified for that group. Reverend Innis spoke with Karl regarding calendaring rental events. Mary will ensure the action items for Irene are included in the next meeting. Michael will ask Tina to provide a testimonial during service prior to the fellowship luncheon.

Spiritual Practice tabled until the Retreat. In February, those who provided testimonials will be the recipients.

The Board took a brief break.

Reverend Innis delivered a verbal Minister's Report. Membership is up from this time last year. The allocation of her time is a subject to be addressed at the upcoming Retreat.

Michael led a discussion on the Completion Campaign. At the Fellowship Luncheon, the theme is Show First Jefferson Some Love. The campaign begins Jan. 29 and concludes Feb 19. Reverend Innis will get with Karl to make new pledge cards.

Upcoming events: NTUUC awards luncheon is January 28 at Oak Cliff UU. Southwest Region Spring Conference is April 7 – 9 in Houston. General Assembly is June 21 – 25 in New Orleans. The Point is July 23 – 28 in Sequoia State Park, OK. Fall Conference is November 10 – 12 at a location to be determined. DBLE is not until May 2018 in Little Rock.

Charlotte led a discussion of a request from CUUPS. They would like to build a couple of shrines to honor local land spirits. They will coordinate with grounds when it is time to assemble.

Standing on the Side of Leadership would like to hold their conference at First Jefferson the second weekend in June. A motion was made and seconded to open our doors for it. The motion carried.

Reverend Innis led a discussion relating to conversations she had with district staff and with Julia Sexton. The church needs a new kick start. It was suggested to rename the church. Re-convenanting would happen naturally with the congregation during these discussions. District staff will assist in this process. A meeting will happen February 5th with district staff and the congregation.

Executive Session begins 3:12.

Executive Session ends 3:36.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.

Action items from January meeting :

Topic	Who	What	Due Date
Member at Large	Michael	Ask Dan Levine to fill	February meeting
Testimonials	Michael	Ask members to provide testimonials at the Fellowship Luncheon	Fellowship Luncheon
Kitchen Committee	Michael	Meet with Mathieu for update on Kitchen Committee	February meeting
Irene Action Items	Mary	Ensure the action items tabled until the first of the year are included in meeting agenda	February meeting
LDC	Michael	Talk to Patrick Gutierrez about LDC members	February meeting
Completion Campaign	Michael	Write letter reminding everyone of the need	Fellowship Luncheon
Completion Campaign	Charlotte and Irene	Cook for luncheon	Fellowship Luncheon
Completion Campaign	Mary	Decorations	Fellowship Luncheon
Completion Campaign	Revered Innis	Pledge Cards	Fellowship Luncheon
District Staff discussions	Reverend Innis and Michael	Continue conversation relating to recovenanting, completion campaign, renaming church	Ongoing
Retreat	All members	Bring food and music that moves or feeds you	Retreat