

UU Nashua Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 08, 2013

Present: Ellen Fisher, Lance Pratt, Mary Licking, Harry Purkhiser, Jenn Morton, Mike Wilt, Reverend Olivia Holmes, Pat Ladew, Donna LaRue, Kathleen Griffis, Kate O'Shea, David Hudson

Note: There are two vacant positions on the BoT (see August 14, 2012 BoT minutes for the plan to fill the first vacant position that occurred this year). The second vacant position was announced at this meeting, pursuant to the resignation of Diane Fontas.

Timekeeper for each agenda item of the meeting was Pat. Donna performed the chalice lighting. A Check In was performed during which a BoT member could share a word or two with the group and most did.

A motion passed made by Harry and seconded by Lance to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the December 11, 2012 minutes.

Rev. Olivia presented an oral minister's report to the Board which discussed her plans for a focus for this Spring.

The Board had reviewed a proposal for consulting from Unity Consulting prior to the meeting. Lance moved and David seconded a motion to cover 50% of the cost for 10 hours of consulting (total: \$750) out of the BoT discretionary account with the understanding that the other 50% of the cost would be borne by Rev. Olivia's professional development account. The implementation of policy governance within UU Nashua is to be the subject of the services.

Notice was given that Joe Sullivan, District Executive, is gauging interest from congregations regarding a leadership development seminar that would be given either February 16th or April 20th from 9 am to 2 pm.

Mike Wilt gave the Treasurer's Report. The report had been made available online for Board members to examine prior to the meeting.

Kate Messner and David Hudson, Co-Chairs of the Stewardship Committee for 2012 – 2014, gave a presentation on plans for this year's campaign which will encompass the Sundays of March 3, 10, and 17. On March 10th, Rev. Olivia's sermon will complement the campaign, and there will be a lunch following the service to allow the congregation to ask questions about it. The March 17th service will include a walk down the aisle for members, friends, and their families to turn in pledges.

Priorities for preparing a 2013-14 budget were discussed. The main question was "What aspects of church life should be improved via our budget?" The budget should be approved at the February 12th BoT meeting to allow for Stewardship Campaign use.

Ellen provided the BoT with an introduction to the Interim Assessment which will occur at the next meeting.

A request was made for BoT members to 1) give the announcements at the beginning of church services (see List #1 below), 2) serve on a subcommittee to organize phone calling that is preliminary to the congregation's forming a Search Committee (see List #2), and 3) serve on a subcommittee to organize the lunch (hearty snacks) to be held after the January 13th service (see List #3).

The next scheduled BoT Meeting is Tuesday, February 12th, 2013 (see List #4 for other important near term dates).

The chalice was extinguished after Rev. Olivia gave the closing reading.

Lists #1 through #4

List #1

	Church Service <u>Announcements:</u>
Jan 13	Ellen
Jan 20	Mary
Jan 27	Donna
February 03	Kathleen
February 10	Harry

List #2

Organize Phone Calls

Ex officio member (by virtue of position as a BOT member who is a Stewardship Committee Co-chair: David

- A) Harry
- B) Ellen
- C) Pat

List #3

Organize January 13th Lunch (Hearty Snacks)

- A) Kate (e-mail prospective donors)
- B) Jenn

List #4

Sun., Jan 13 Workshop on Search Process with MSR Nieuwejaar after service
Jan 16-27 Various Dates / Times Church History Conversations

Tues., Feb. 19 BoT Special Meeting re: Search Committee

Sun., Mar. 17 Special Congregational Meeting after service to elect Search Committee

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