

Unitarian Society of Germantown

Board of Trustees Meeting, September 22, 2015

Board members present: Tom Ott, Scott Wolkenberg, Susan Smith, Bill Morrow, Bob Williford, Craig Miller, Linda Brunn, Ann Schoonmaker.

Board member absent: Margaret Kinnevy.

Others present: Rev. Kent Matthies, Rev. Daniel Gregoire, Gloria Smith.

The meeting was convened at 7:40 pm. Ann Schoonmaker has replaced Linda Brunn as secretary.

President's Report: Tom Ott

The sanctuary will be air-conditioned with a \$25,000 gift from Mary Lee Keane and Sam Gugino. Four units will be installed, with wiring for an additional two units.

Carolyn Cotton will present the elevator feasibility report at the October meeting. It will include plans, cost, and environmental impact.

The 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign Team (Tom Ott and Craig Miller from the board, Linda Bernstein, and Jenn Leiby from MET) with Kent Matthies have solicited project suggestions from various organized groups within the congregation. Information will be out in October and the congregation will decide on a project. The campaign will begin in the fall of 2016 if the congregation agrees to go forward.

MET (Ministry Executive Team) Report: Rev. Kent Matthies (highlights only, full report attached, also sent from Tom Ott)

Sarah West will chair the 150th Anniversary Committee. Gerry Whelan will chair the ASD (Adult Spirituality Development Committee).

Preparations are made for opening of CSD (Child Spiritual Development program.) A new PA law on background checks must be addressed.

An evaluation plan for continuing two services must be ready by May.

USG might receive the services of a (local) ministerial intern from Meadville/Lombard .

Governance and Ministry Task Force SMART Goals: Will be discussed when Margaret Kinnevy is well.

Evan Towle's request for congregational sponsorship before the UUA for his ministerial studies:

Four unreservedly positive letters of recommendation from members have been received. Several members expressed concern that Mr. Towle has been active in small group ministry for ten years but is not a member of USG. Tom Ott will have a conversation with him.

Reminder of Board Retreat, Sunday, October 18, from 12:30 to 5 pm at church: Tom Ott

Theme: Where Have We Been, Where Do We Want to Go?

Possible topics: National trends, our governance change, metrics from membership and pledging, forward thinking.

Linda Brunn suggested that we have a non-board discussion leader so that all can participate equally.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Ann Schoonmaker