

UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF GERMANTOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 28, 2017

Present: Bill Morrow, Eva Finney, Linda Brunn, Tom Ott, Eli Scearce, Scott Wolkenberg, Mike Campbell, Susan Smith

Staff: Gloria Guldager, Jason Bender

Guests: Susan Bockius, Andi Bernstein, Audrey Garrett

February Minutes The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Bathroom Policy

The proposed policy concerning USG bathrooms was approved. Tom will take it to the GMTF. It was noted that the restrooms (both single occupancy) off the Bristol Room are gender neutral.

Firearm Policy

Tom reported that the GMTF reviewed the Board's recommendation for the wording of the Firearm Policy. The Board agreed with the GMTF's subsequent recommendation that the last sentence be revised to read: "The Unitarian Society of Germantown reserves the right to report any violation of this policy to the civil authorities."

Usage of Facility for Political Events

Tom shared that the MET is exploring questions relating to the use of USG buildings and grounds for political causes/topics.

Stained Glass Windows

Susan Bockius gave a thoughtful and well-developed plan for adding UU-significant themes and images to the sanctuary windows. If approved, the plan would lay out agreed-upon designs that could be utilized in the future. In particular, the plan would provide clear direction when congregation members were interested in creating memorial windows. Owing to time constraints, Board discussion of the plan will continue at the April meeting.

Spiritual Development

DSD Jason Bender gave an update and overview of the Children's Spiritual Development program.

Highlights:

- Program is going well with 96 children enrolled and a strong group of committed volunteer teachers
- The few behavior or conflict issues that have arisen have been quickly dealt with.
- Approximately 80% of the curriculum comes from the UUA.
- Next year Jason would like to make the curriculum more holistic by strengthening the social/emotional content.
- Jason believes that CSD development is connected to ASD

Jason's recommendation that there be a Board liaison to CSD was approved, and an appointment will be made beginning in the next church year.

Congregational Awards

The Board agreed on the following award recipients. Write up assignments are noted in parentheses.

Lifetime Achievement Award Ann Schoonmaker (Susan Smith)

Congregational Awards David Ward (Tom Ott)

Jeff Smith (Linda Brunn)

BobWilliford (Bill Morrow)

Hit the Ground Running Eric Foster (Eli Searce)