

## USG Board Minutes for June 27, 2017

### Present:

Board: Linda Brunn, Joanne Davis, Michael Campbell, Bill Morrow, Tom Ott, Eli Searce

Guests: Debbie Ward, Jess Slivak, Jenn Leiby, Andrea Parry, Dave Dearden

1. The Board reviewed section VI and the Forms section of the Safe Congregation policy. Following the review, the Board asked Andrea Parry in conjunction with Church Counsel, Dave Dearden, to address specific recommendations and report back to the Board at its July meeting. The Board requested that the changes be sent at least one week prior to the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. The Board voted unanimously to delete the first paragraph of the No Firearms Policy approved at last month's Board meeting (*The Unitarian Society of Germantown respects the general right of individuals to possess and carry firearms consistent with state and federal laws.*). The Board agreed with the GMTF that the paragraph was inconsistent with UU Principles. The Policy now reads: *The Unitarian Society of Germantown believes that the best way to ensure a safe environment on its private property is to prohibit any person on the property from possessing firearms. Therefore, no one shall possess a firearm on USG property, except for uniformed or identified law enforcement officers. The Unitarian Society of Germantown reserves the right to report any violation of this policy to the civil authorities.*
3. The Board unanimously approved the MET application to the UUA for a Chalice Lighter Grant to be applied to expenses for the elevator.
4. Eli provided an overview of the ERC/WP summer plans to extend the White Privilege dialogue. The Board engaged in a spirited conversation around the term *white supremacy*.