

## USG Board Agenda / MINUTES - 24-October-2017

**Attendees:** Eva Finney, Joanne Davis, Michael Campbell, Jenn Leiby, Jess Slivak, Bill Morrow, Debbie Ward, Eli Searce, Kent Matthias, Connie Simon, Bill Dowdall, Linda Bernstein

**Guests:** John Hubert (Architect), John Pron

1. Approve September minutes – **Decision: The September 2017 minutes were approved.**
2. Nominating Committee announcement from GMTF - discuss
  - The “Call for Potential Board Members” is being provided to the Board as informational. No decision is requested of the Board.
  - A question was raised about the meaning of “ongoing financial supporter.” The Board understands this to be defined as a pledging and paying member of USG.
3. Retreat Follow Up – topic deferred
4. MET Report and YTD financials
  - UUA Board of Directors has committed to allocating just over \$5,000,000 to support BLUU (Black Lives of Unitarian Universalists) and is requesting all UU congregations to support this effort by contributing \$10/member. USG’s contribution would be \$3150. If a congregation contributes their full amount, the contribution will be matched by a generous UU donor. BLUU is developing plans for how the money will be used. The Board will need to consider how this request will be managed at USG.
    - **Debbie Ward and Eli Searce to discuss with others the UUA Board request for congregations to support BLUU at \$10/member, and return to the Board at the November 2017 meeting with a recommended course of action for USG.**
  - Pledges are slightly lower than hoped (about 20%) at the 25% mark in the year. However, two months of this quarter included the summer, and the MET anticipates contributions will pick up as the year continues.
5. Review and approve elevator plan - Bill Dowdall, John Pron, John Hubert
  - To move forward, the Board needs to approve the elevator addition design so that we can obtain cost estimates. Once the scope and design are approved, the plan will be put out for bidding with a “not to exceed” construction cost provision. Bids obtained will not be binding or contractual.
  - The architectural team desires to retain the original copper roofs and gutters if possible, for the least disruption of existing facilities. The proposed terrace outside of the elevator is large enough that it could be used for small gatherings. There was discussion about the best pathway(s) to connect the Assembly Room and elevator with the parking

lot. Final decision on the pathways is pending the results of the topographical survey that was done last week.

- Elevator cost would be \$67,200.
- The existing Wissahickon Schist would be removed and reused to retain some of the original look of the building. Entryway floor and walkway would be stone for durability. The elevator will be enclosed in wood paneling. A new stairwell will be installed both going up and down from the elevator lobby. The architectural firm is also proposing an optional vault that could be built beneath the terrace (separate quote to be provided) for additional storage space.
- Elevator maintenance cost will be \$100/mo on average, and did not vary significantly depending on which elevator type is chosen.
- **Decision: The Board approved the proposed elevator design as submitted to the Board by the Elevator Committee on Oct. 24, 2017.**

6. Teach-in follow up – topic deferred