

USG Board Minutes

September 24, 2019

Attendance: Nancy Anderson, Andrea Barsevick, Maggie Beaumont, Zachary Bosco, John Davis, Jenn Leiby, Kent Mathies, Jessica Slivak, Debbie Ward

Guest: Caroline Bright, USG member

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Board Endorsement of Ministerial Candidate

Caroline Bright is a member of USG for the past 1 year who has become involved in the Communications Committee at USG. She is a student at Meadville-Lombard Theological Seminary and she is interested in military chaplaincy. In order to achieve “aspirant” status at the seminary, she must have the endorsement of a UU congregation. A motion to endorse her candidacy was approved.

MET September Highlights

1. The contract and job description for Mark Dougherty have been completed and are ready for signature.
2. The 2020 budget is planned to receive no supplements from the endowment so budgets have been adjusted accordingly; less dues will be paid to the UUA; and choir soloists will be used fewer Sundays.
3. The staff retreat was held at Restoration Church.
4. Due to concern about lowering attendance, Kent will seek broad input about the reasons.

Capital Campaign Update

Bill Dowdell is getting approval from the Memorial Funds Committee to use funds to repair/pave the driveway. Bill Blaisdal is getting estimates.

Social Justice Check-in

Social Justice Fair held (10/13/19). The UUA common read is Indigenous peoples’ history of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. USG has joined the New Sanctuary Movement; we are exploring ways to participate. USG is working with POWER.

Upcoming events

Board meeting: October 22

Board Retreat: November 9.

New Business

Jenn is looking into the immunization policy and consulting with Ryan Hurd to ensure that the policy is in line with PA state policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Barsevick