BOARD MISSION

To provide leadership that supports the church's mission through effective policies and responsible stewardship.

BOARD COVENANT

We covenant to: Respect time by following a timed agenda and reviewing meeting materials prior to arrival, respect differing opinions, listen without interrupting, make space for all, remember the big picture, speak with one voice once a decision has been made, focus on church business, refrain from micromanagement, and work within the context of the UUA.

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HINSDALE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES
Wednesday, November 13, 2024 - Time: 7:00 PM Central Time

APPROVED AT 12/11/2024 MEETING

Meeting At: Zoom Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82524658740?pwd=bVNxNVJNcU9ReTFpb1M1TUdOb2xKdz09#success

In attendance: David Mrazek (President), Karen McDowell (Vice President), Marian Honel-Wilson (Secretary), and Trustees-at-Large Susan Stephens and Dave May; Rev. Dr. Beth Johnson (Minister).
Absent: Trustees Karin Janowski and Eric Haas; Pam Fodor (Director of Programs) was at a meeting about the upcoming auction
Visitors: N/A

A. Call to Order/Welcome Visitors
The meeting was called to order at 7:07.

B. Check In and Feathers
Check-in conducted.

C. Approval of Minutes
Karen moved to approve the October Board minutes and Susan seconded. Minutes approved.

D. Finance Discussion

a. The Treasurer's report was submitted to the Board. Dave indicated that the amount of funds available for operations was trending down but UCH had just received a check for $40,000 that had not yet been posted; in addition, he is anticipating an injection of funds based on the auction fundraising event being held on Saturday 11/16.
b. With the vacancy in the bookkeeper position, Dave did not receive a first quarter statement, nor has a pledge report been sent out.
c. A question was asked about the Perpetual Pledge Fund. Dave will speak to Dave Potthoff about getting a balance statement on that fund. A discussion was held regarding the history and purpose of that fund as well as the Endowment Fund and the Finance Committee's goals for both of those funds. Dave will speak to the Finance Committee this weekend to obtain clarity and ensure that Board receives regular reports on those funds as specified in the bylaws.

E. Staff Check In

a. The Minister's Report was submitted. Rev. Beth gave a few highlights: A search for a bookkeeper is progressing. Selection of Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) members is progressing. Rev. Beth has accepted a temporary role of supervising Intern Will Esty at North Shore UU Church in Deerfield, due to a serious car accident that impacted the senior minister there, Lucas Hergert. (Update: he is on medical leave until January 2025).
b. Director of Programs Pam Fodor submitted her report. (She was unable to attend as she was attending a meeting of the auction committee).

F. Other Business

a. BMO Harris: No update yet.

b. UCH's Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) was discussed; progress was shared on selection of members. Questions, see David.

c. Alley Pothole Project: David reiterated a thank you to Dave for funding the filling of the pothole and parking lot paving.

G. Ongoing Business – Strategic Planning

Rev. Beth, Eric and David will continue to work to pull this together. The small group will meet and cast a wider net to the congregation to make up a larger planning committee.

H. Write Ins

a) Employer Participation Agreement – An updated version of the UU Organization Retirement Plan needs to be approved, and each regular employee of UCH should be asked if they want to participate.

b) Marian asked about a number of former board members who still have "change" access to board Google files; the consensus was that she can change their access to "edit" access.

I. Adjourn

Karen motioned to adjourn; Susan seconded. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:56 p.m.