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, October 9, 2024 - Time: 7:00 PM Central Time

APPROVED AT 11/13/2024 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, Karin Janowski, and Eric Haas; Rev. Dr. Beth Johnson (Minister) and Pam Fodor (Director of Programs)
Absent: Dave May
Visitors: N/A

A. Call to Order/Welcome Visitors
The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

B. Check In and Feathers
Check-in conducted.

C. Approval of Minutes
Rev. Beth indicated she would correct the name of the Intern Minister as recorded in the draft September minutes. Karen moved to approve the September Board minutes with that correction. Karin seconded. Minutes approved.

D. Finance Discussion

a. The Treasurer's report was submitted. Dave May was unable to attend the meeting. His email stated, 1) Treasurer's report: No news is good news?
2) UCH funds: minimal changes
3) September income statement: 1st quarter expenses $4,350 over income. These are mere timing anomalies.

E. Staff Check In

a. Minister's Report: Rev. Beth gave a few highlights from her written report. Highlights: She will send an email to the congregation re Saenvih. The transition is explained in her report. Immediate needs were discussed. Linda will take on some tasks. She will some in on Sunday to train with Saenvih. Rev. Beth conducted an exit interview with Saenvih. Rev. Beth reminded us that she will be at a Fall Retreat next week. Hopefully the new intern minister will be able to start in January. And the potholes are filled!
b. Director of Programs Report: Pam is working on the auction. Currently there are 10 kids in RE. Several visitors have brought kids.

F. Other Business

a. BMO Harris: Karen: A discussion ensued concerning the idea to move UCH accounts to a bank that is not invested in fossil fuels. Everyone agreed we would need to plan for something like this. Karen will develop a proposal and discuss with Dave May.

b. UCH's Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) was discussed. Board members were requested to review the proposed charter by Friday and indicate whether they approve. Once approved, Rev. Beth will reach out to the members proposed to the COSM. Questions, see David.

c. LED Lights: Pam: Pam is planning to include a targeted paddle raise in the auction to raise funds for LED lights in the entryway and hallway of the RE building as well as assistive hearing devices.

d. Alley Pothole Project: David expressed a BIG THANK YOU to Dave May for writing a check for $8,000 to cover the expense of filling the potholes in the parking lot.

G. Ongoing Business – Strategic Planning

We need to continue strategic planning and need to create a small team from the board to work to pull this together. The small group will meet and cast a wider net to the congregation.

H. Write Ins

a) Rev Beth requested approval for a special donation at the service of 10/20 for the hurricane-affected disaster relief fund of the UUA, which will go to our UUA congregations. Marian moved and Karin seconded. Motion passed.

I. Executive Session

J. Adjourn

Karen motioned to adjourn; Susan seconded. Motion carried. We adjourned at 8:10 p.m.