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, September 11, 2024 - Time: 7:00 PM Central Time

APPROVED AT 10/9/2024 MEETING

Meeting At: Zoom Link

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

A. Call to Order/Welcome Visitors
The meeting was called to order at 7:03.

B. Check In and Feathers
Check-in conducted.

C. Approval of Minutes
Susan moved to approve the August Board minutes. David seconded. Minutes approved.

D. Approve Board Message for News and Notes
All present indicated they were satisfied with the draft message for news and notes about Rev. Beth's contract extension.

E. Finance Discussion
a. The Treasurer's report was submitted.

F. Staff Check In
a. Minister's Report: Rev. Beth indicated her written report was straightforward. Highlights: Planning is coming along for the Climate Justice Revival (on Sept. 28 and 29). She thanked the board for acting quickly (via email) to approve taking on Swamini Adityananda as an Intern Minister and Rev. Beth has received an Internship handbook and instructions for supervising interns. She further indicated that she put strategic goals for the church in her report to keep them uplifted. Finally, she has developed tenant policies with Pam that are recommended for board review. Home and Garden: there is a pothole in the church parking lot that needs repair.
b. Director of Programs Report: Pam indicated the Religious Education program kicks off on Sunday for the new church year. Elizabeth Piskorski will be working with her. She was excited to see several new families on Sunday.

G. Other Business

a. The proposed Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) was discussed. Its purpose is to assess how the minister and the ministries of the church are living into the church covenant.
b. The proposed Call Committee was discussed. It would be formed once the COSM has made its report.
c. Strategic Planning: There is lots of support from the UUA available to help with strategic planning. This process can continue with a team made up of the full board or a small group of board members plus congregation members. David will talk to Lisa Presley on this.

H. Write-Ins

a. It was agreed that Marian can move submitted reports to the appropriate board meeting folders.
b. Rev. Beth mentioned she has board retreat notes for board use.
c. David mentioned that Dave May is suggesting UCH use a digital online membership list, where access varies for members, leaders, etc. Eric will work with Rev. Beth to investigate church management software that can provide this.
d. We discussed how to remind everyone in the congregation to be welcoming so it's not the responsibility of just a few people.

I. Adjourn

Eric motioned to adjourn; Marian seconded. We adjourned at 8:14 p.m.