

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HINSDALE –
QUICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – MINUTES

Saturday, September 16th, 2023 - Time: 11:00 AM Central Time

Attending: Bob Daniel-Wayman, David Mrazek, Dave May, Karin Janowski, Karen McDowell, Susan Stephens,

Church Staff: Rev. Beth Johnson, Pam Fodor

1. Approval of Board Minutes

August minutes approved. Karen motioned to approve. Karin seconded.

2. Finance Discussion - Dave

Moved money over from Schwab. Gen Fund, reserve and Schwab \$88k \$16k has been raised/donated for certain areas. Minister's fund is a few \$1000

We are spending more now than taking in because of time of year. We'll get an influx from pledges before end of tax year. And fundraiser will raise some money.

- a. Bookkeeper** Dave spoke to Saenvhi and said we'd like to see the next PowerChurch statements. At start of next FY we would like to see regular statements from PowerChurch. Account balances, etc.

- 5. National Parks Contribution: Policy and Accounting Lead Update – Susan Stephens** Collections suggestion by Anita Jencks, who was leading a service on Sunday, to give to the National Parks Foundation. Bob stated that we don't have a policy on these one-off requests. Don't want rain on anyone's parade, but we can't be having individuals suggest different donation organizations. We need a policy on this. Two things: how do we handle special collections (different from the regular monthly collection) vis a vis the particular church service theme, and does the Board approve the suggestion or the Social Justice Committee.

Karin Janowski and Rev Beth will work Additional suggested donations for different organizations need to be approved by the Board.

6. Minister Report

Out of town next week for a mandatory meeting. She noted she thinks UCH needs a database and updated phone system. Reco a small team to look at this.

Pam and Rev Beth are recommending bringing back the Communications Circle.

Oct 15 event - Dedication and Anniversary of Vivekananda speech at UCH in 1893 planning is proceeding.

7. DOP Check In

RE Program is rebranded to Radical Exploration. Pam is doing a one-room schoolhouse type program. All ages together for a bit, then each break out into their own areas. She is very excited about the interaction that can take place.

8. Other Business

Susan Stephens is on the LEAD Committee, Living our values Evolving our Church Adapting our Church, Determining our path forward. Have met twice and meeting this week. Meeting with other church groups asking what do we want to continue to do, stop doing, etc.

Bob will write a message to the congregation to publicize this group.

Board Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.