

**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of
Westside Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

Feb 18, 2015

The meeting was held at the congregation's building on 7141 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA, and was called to order by President Joe Rettenmaier at 6:39 pm.

Present were President Joe Rettenmaier, Secretary Lisa Maynard, Treasurer Michael Matz, and Trustees Shannon Day, John Britt, and Glenn Phillips, as well as Rev. Peg Morgan. Joanne Cook, a member of Finance Committee, joined for part of the meeting.

Minutes

Moved, seconded, and voted to approve the Jan 2015 minutes as amended with one typo fixed. John abstained as he hadn't attended the meeting.

Thank You

Joe handed out gifts of Fran's Chocolates to Shannon, Matt (in absentia), and Glenn for their incredible efforts to make the auction such a success. Kudos to John and Alice for auction bidding in absentia!

Treasurer's Report

Joe has asked Treasurer and Finance Comm to keep us current (monthly) on the deficit for the year. Before the auction we had a \$27K deficit. Auction brought it down below \$20K (thanks in part to excellent 'raise the paddle' pitch from Zoltar/Glenn, which produced almost \$9K). Peg reviewed the budget carefully and looked for possible expense savings. We are also saving a little on bookkeeper salary and Sunday custodian. Gap is now down to \$12,893.

ACTION: Michael will double-check Peg's budget review for accuracy.

Jill Fleming will talk to rest of Stewardship Comm to see if they would be open to making special asks in addition to the regular pledge campaign.

Other fundraising toward the gap: Book sale this weekend. We are still intending to pull together online sales of stored things downstairs and also getting people to donate items that could be sold online. Singer-songwriter concert on May 1 (Lisa's goal is \$1K). Letter going out to local piano/guitar teachers to invite them to rent the sanctuary for recitals (Lisa to craft).

We do have the ability to vote to pull from the Building Fund if needed to fill the gap. But before doing that, we need to communicate our situation to the congregation and give them options including making a donation, supporting or organizing a new fundraiser, and inviting people to visit and/or join the congregation.

ACTION: Joe to craft a cover letter that goes out to the congregation with this finance report that includes positive ways that they can respond.

Glenn asks us to reflect on a current rallying point that we could use to bring people in (the way we were support marriage equality). For example, \$15 minimum wage raise toward social leveling.

Executive Session

At 7 pm the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. [Peg shared with us that she is retiring at the end of June.]

Moved, seconded, and approved to put together a task force to hire an interim minister. Mark Newton to chair and John Britt to serve. Mark will recruit other members.

Moved, seconded, and approved to recommend to the congregation that WSUU votes to confer the honorary position of Minister Emerita at our annual congregational meeting on May 17.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.