

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

May 9, 2012

The meeting was held in the Fireside Room of the Congregation's church building at 7141 California Avenue SW, Seattle, Washington, and was called to order by President Jill Fleming at 7:05 p.m. with chalice lighting by Secretary Karin Cumming. Jill noted that it is the last regular meeting of this Board of Trustees.

Present were President Jill Fleming, Vice President Jill Jackson, Secretary Karin Cumming, Treasurer Melissa Lang and Trustees Cliff Houlihan and Michael Armstrong. Trustee Candace Sullivan was absent. Also, present for the discussion regarding the proposed budget was Ruth Herman-Dunn, representing the Music Council.

The minutes of the April 11, 2012 Board Meeting had been distributed and upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Melissa had distributed the April 29, 2012 income, expense and budget report prior to the special board meeting on May 2 to review the proposed 2012-2013 budget. She noted that it indicates an approximate \$26,000 difference to be made up by a building fund transfer and suggested \$25,000 be transferred now for purposes of the Treasurer's report to the annual meeting and will update and distribute to the Board the report as so revised. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

2012-2013 Proposed Budget

Ruth Herman-Dunn had submitted the Music Council's revised budget request, which included the concept of an outreach chamber choir or dues-paying members of the community as well as the congregation. A revised budget proposal had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting that included those revisions and other changes made by the Board at its meeting last week. Ruth also presented a fiscal report for the Music Council covering eleven months through April 2012.

There was discussion regarding funds outside the budget. It was suggested that we obtain an accounting for expenses and donated parts and space in connection with the choir risers, last year's "Raise the Paddle" funding recipient, and noted that RE is the recipient of such funds from this year's LOLA event.

Upon motion made by Michael Armstrong and seconded by Cliff Houlihan, the proposed budget, as revised, in the amount of \$362,146, was unanimously recommended for submission to the membership at the annual meeting for adoption.

Annual Meeting

Jill F. said Kari Kopnick suggested we start at noon rather than 12:30 p.m. Karin reported that the list of members eligible to vote had been posted after the service on Sunday and she will arrange for identifying cards to be given to voting members as they sign in, which will facilitate counting if vote by raised hand is required. It was noted that the agenda should include a report from the Strategic Planning Committee.

A revised slate of nominations was presented, with current Trustee Candace Sullivan nominated as Vice President and Laura Matson nominated to fulfill Candace's term as trustee.

#### Open Marriage Equality

Jill F. reported that a task force has met a couple of times, focusing on rental of our building for open marriage ceremonies, such as how to network and go about it.

#### Neighborhood Clusters

Jill F. reported that Susan Castelazo would not continue as chair of neighborhood clusters and upon motion duly made and seconded, the appointment of Dejon Shegrud as chair of neighborhood clusters was unanimously approved.

#### UU Connects

Jill F reported that "UU Connects" activity is proceeding and we may have volunteers to help with biographies.

Pursuant to discussions with Creighton Depew, it was agreed that the "Look Book" of member photos will be an official UU publication and we will publicize the need to get photos.

#### Minister's Report

Rev. Peg Morgan had distributed a report dated May 7, 2012, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Karin Cumming, Secretary