

# UUCS Board Meeting

## Minutes of Meeting August 11, 2016

Board Members:

Position	Name	Term end date	Present
Chair	LJ Frederickson	June 30, 2017	Yes
Vice-Chair	Petra Berger (resigned)	June 30, 2017	No
Secretary	Paul Parmley	June 30, 2017	Yes
Treasurer	Lorna Youngs	June 30, 2017	Yes
Director	John Prohodsky	June 30, 2018	Yes
Director	Susan Farris-Gosser	June 30, 2018	Yes
Director	David Jeffers (resigned)	June 30, 2018	No
Director	Stephanie Jernstedt	June 30, 2017	Yes
Director	Elenie Smith	June 30, 2017	Yes
Director	JP Batmale	June 30, 2017	Yes
Past Chair	(LJ Frederickson)	June 30, 2017	N/A

Ex-officio:

Position	Name		Present
Minister	Rick Davis		Yes

Visitors: Benjahmin Boschee, Lynn Cardiff, Victor Reppeto,

The meeting was called to order by LJ Frederickson at 6:07 p.m.

Topic: Check in

We reviewed the first principal - the inherent worth and dignity of every person. There was a brief check-in by the board members.

On July 15 2016 Petra Berger resigned as Vice Chair effective July 21 2016. On July 16 2016, the board accepted Petra's resignation effective July 20 2016.

On July 16 2016 at 9:05 AM Lorna Y. made the following motion by e-mail: I move that the Board approve of the Facilities Team request for up to \$2500 for a professional evaluation of the heating and air conditioning system. The money should be taken from the Emergency Fund, specifically from the \$14000 in income over budget from the last fiscal year. On July 19 2016 at 11:16 AM the vote was closed and passed with 7 yes votes and 1 abstention.

On August 4 2016 at 2:06 PM Rick D. asked the board by e-mail "Will you please vote to empower our new intern Monica Tennessen Jacobson to officiate at weddings?" On August 4 2016 at 5:41 PM the vote was closed and passed with 7 yes votes and 1 abstention.

Topic: Approve Minutes

LJ asked if everyone had read the minutes from the July 14 2016 meeting and asked if everyone approved. Minutes from the July 14 2016 board meeting are approved.

Topic: Are we interested in the strip of land between us and the new owners of the Munsel property?

Lorna Y. discussed the next door property purchase. She thinks it is time to make a decision about how we are going to proceed given we are holding money from donors. George S. suggested to Lorna Y. that we offer, to our new neighbors, that UUCS pay to replace the septic system and give them \$10,000. There is a general agreement by the board that we should not pursue the property purchase with the new neighbors at this time. There are several options we can take for returning the funds to people who contributed if we are not going to proceed with the purchase. Susan F-G. suggested we send a letter to the people who donated funds asking if they would like their funds returned or retained for a possible future purchase. John P. believes that possibly the old septic was tested instead of the new. The board would like a letter sent to the people who contributed to see if they would like their funds returned. John P. will write the letter which he will send to LJ for approval and signature.

Susan F-G. suggested we reach out to our new neighbors to greet them with no ulterior motive.

Benjamin B. requested that the board vote to initiate the welcoming congregation renewal process. This vote would begin the process of implementing the action plan. There was discussion regarding the action plan, which also includes a congregational vote, probably at the annual meeting. Susan F-G. would like to see the annual meeting vote to include a proposal to automatically renew every 5 years. John P. made a motion that the board approve the Welcoming Congregation Action Plan as presented, where CUUPS is responsible for the action plan and wherever possible they should involve the LGBTQA community. Additionally, CUUPS reports their progress on the action plan back to the board on a quarterly basis. Susan F-G. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Victor R. attended the board meeting as a visitor to discuss the Bridging the Gap program on how to stop violence between police and communities of color. The program focuses on improving relationships between the police and the community. This is a social justice mission.

Topic: Annual Stewardship Update

John P. is working on the annual stewardship. He will talk with the people who ran stewardship last year to see if they would like to continue this year. Rick D. would like a year-round stewardship committee. John P. is also working on the capital campaign; to determine the priorities of what we need to raise funds for.

Topic: Auction date set for 10-22. Need two people to co-chair.

There will be a UUCS Auction on October 22nd. LJ needs someone to find co-chairs for the auction. John P. suggested we partner with another organization such as MPFS. Rick D. is willing to work with someone to help ask people to co-chair the auction. Lorna Y. asked why we are having the auction. The amount of income in the budget from fund raising was cut to \$3000 and the pie sale and coffee donations should cover that. Rick D. feels we should be in the habit of holding annual fundraisers. JP volunteered to help find people and/or be one of the people who helps run the auction.

Topic: Animal Policy feedback – anyone?

LJ asked if there is any feedback on the new animal policy. Lynn C. said she knew of one person who is not happy with the new policy. John P. said the animal policy will be part of the facilities policy and will be available by the October meeting.

Topic: Administration Committee

LJ asked if we should continue the administrative committee. Rick D. thinks the committee should continue, and possibly they could work on a policy repository.

Stephanie J. reminded us all of the board retreat on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 1pm at her house. Some possible topics to discuss at the retreat are 1) strategic plan – Susan F-G., 2) organizational chart - LJ.

An Executive Session was called by LJ at 7:44 p.m. to discuss Board position openings and Committee Chair openings, and visitors were asked to leave.

The Executive Session ended at 8:11 p.m. According to the bylaws, “discussions are to be kept confidential by all participants, subject to the chairs’ approval of release of information”.

The Eugene UU minister asked Rick D. to facilitate their board retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Parmley