

Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church

Board of Trustees Meeting

October 14, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Board Room

<b>Voting members</b>	
John Holloway, President	x
Fern Aron	x
Wendi Born	x
Terry Cushman	x
Fiske Miles, Vice President / President Elect	x
Jennifer Nelson	x
Linda Trout	x
<b>Non-voting members</b>	
Thom Belote, Minister	x
Michael Monthey, Secretary	
Vickie Trott, Treasurer	
Lisa Wilson, Past President	
<b>Others</b>	
Sara Sautter, Director of Congregational Life	
Kim Enyart, Bookkeeper	x
Jim Arndt	x
Rachel Wathen, Director of Religious Education	x

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Minister's Moment:** Thom shared the mission statement of the Unity Church - Unitarian in St. Paul, MN.

**Consent Agenda:** Terry moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of last month's meeting minutes. Those will be sent later and approved next month:

- **Agenda, October 14, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting**

- **Minutes, September 9, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting**
- **Treasurer's Report, September 2013**
- **Staff Reports, September 2013**

Jennifer seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Executive Committee report** - There was a request to put up a sign on Church property about the Affordable Care Act. We have not used any of our sign allotment with Lenexa so far this year. The Executive Committee approved the request.

### **Old Business**

1. School visits - Fern was going to reach out to the Preschool Interest Group, but there is no leader of the group. Linda, Fiske, and Fern will plan to visit each school. Vickie had also expressed interest, and Rachel as well. They will plan to visit in November.

### **New Business**

1. Iraqi Refugee Ministry Team - The team would like the Church to guarantee up to \$900 (up to \$300 a month for up to 3 months) towards car loans for Iraqi refugees. Wendi moved to approve, upon capitalization of the Iraqi Refugee fund, allowing the Iraqi Refugee Ministry team to guarantee on behalf of SMUUCH up to \$900 (up to \$300 a month for up to 3 months) towards a car loan for a refugee who has been denied credit due to lack of credit history or lack of work history. These funds may not be used for any other purpose until the loan is paid off. Fern seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Dance Floor - Cindy Duckworth, Al Fuller, and Richard Pease would like to donate a dance floor to SMUUCH. They understand that any dances they may have would have to follow the guidelines in the Event Policy. Wendi moved to accept the gift of a dance floor. Fiske seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. John will contact Cindy to let her know, and copy Kim. The Rental Policy should be revised to reflect that a dance floor will be available.
3. Peanuts - Jen will talk to Sara about rephrasing the snack signs to reduce the implication that SMUUCH is a peanut-free facility.
4. Letter to City regarding curb cut - We reviewed the letter from John to the City of Lenexa and agree with it.
5. Board Retreat - We'll meet at 9:00 AM on 10/26 at the Ernie Miller Nature Center. The agenda and exact location will follow.
6. Office hours - Fern has had some inquiries from congregants about staff time off. Thom said to send them to him as Chief of Staff. There was a suggestion that everyone on the staff change their voicemail when they are away to indicate that.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.