

FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY IN NEWTON

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

May 28, 2015

Present: Gregg DiBiaso, Jonathan Reuman, Jacki Rohan, Lesley Sneddon, Bobbie Sproat, Becca Lozinsky, Alison Costello

Absent: Cathy Morocco

Staff: Erin Splaine, Rowan Van Ness

Operations Council: Susan Bartlett, Laurel Farnsworth

Finance Committee: Brian Gill

Members of FUSN: Rachel Sarvey

Clerk: Ruth Comstock

Invocation/ Chalice Lighting

Bobbie Sproat led the covenant reading, and Becca Lozinsky gave the inspirational reading.

Procedural

Lesley Sneddon made the motion and Jacki Rohan seconded the motion to approve the May 12th Board minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Finance Committee and Operations Council Report

Susan Bartlett and Brian Gill presented the FUSN FY 2016 Budget, developed by the Finance Committee and reviewed and approved by the Operations Council.

After some discussion, Gregg DiBiaso made the motion and Lesley Sneddon seconded the motion to recommend that the congregation approve the FUSN FY 2016 Budget. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The budget will be presented at the June 7, 2015, Annual Meeting.

The Operations Council will send an e-mail copy of the Budget to the congregation and it will be available at the FUSN office for inspection.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM and then the Board went into executive session.

After the close of executive session, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following three motions:

1.

To rescind its vote of May 12, 2015, to “include in the Warrant for the June 7, 2015, FUSN Annual Meeting a call for a congregational vote as to amendments to the FUSN By-laws as shown in Attachment 1, Proposal for Amendments to the By-Laws of the First Unitarian Society of Newton.”

2.

To rescind its vote of May 12, 2015, “to adopt the policy for membership as presented in Attachment 2 to the report, Proposal for Policy as to Membership.”

3.

To include in the Warrant for a congregational vote at the June 7, 2015, Annual Meeting of the Society, a General Resolution reading as follows:

We, the First Unitarian Society in Newton, have a long history of welcoming diversity in our midst. Having attained certification by the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1994 as a Welcoming Congregation, we now believe it is time to renew our status and our commitment to inclusiveness. Accordingly, we urge the Board of Trustees and the Minister to repopulate our Welcoming Congregation Committee and charge it to pursue a congregation-wide program of renewal of our knowledge, understanding, and dedication to be welcoming to all people, with guidance from the UUA’s Welcoming Congregations program and staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Comstock, Clerk

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