

Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
January 16, 2013

All Board of Trustees members were present. Reverend Hilary Krivchenia participated in the meeting via SKYPE.

Karen Noorani, Yvette Johnson and Bill Huber were present as observers.

President Greg Blus called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Greg Sweigert made a motion to approve the December 19, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting minutes and the January reports (Minister's Report, Assistant Minister Lifespan Religious Education Report, the Personnel Committee Report and CCUU Financials 12/31/12). The motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Survey Update

The Board agreed to meet on January 23, 2012 from 6:30 – 9:00 for a presentation of the results of the survey by Cathy Maraist and Richard Chay.

#### Outreach/Fundraising Ad Hoc

Bev Sneddon reported that the group met again on January 14, 2012. The result of that meeting was a draft CCUU Fundraising Policy document that Bev Sneddon highlighted during the Board meeting. The Board agreed to submit comments or questions to Bev Sneddon in the next two weeks. The Board plans to review the policy document at the February meeting.

#### Stewardship

Greg Blus informed the Board in the January President's Report that he would be chairing the Stewardship Campaign for 2013-2014, as there were no volunteers from Countryside to do it. We will be launching the campaign at the January 27<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting, with assistance from the leaders of the Ministry Council. Plans include having the campaign end on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> designated to celebrate completing the campaign.

## Budget Timeline

Greg Sweigert made a motion to form a ten-member budget committee consisting of the Board President, President Elect, Treasurer, Vice President, and Senior Minister, plus representatives from the leadership of the five Ministries of the Ministry Council. The motion carried unanimously.

## Chris Pett Meeting, Saturday, January 26, 2013

The Board will be meeting with Chris Pett on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at Countryside. Chris facilitated the September, 2011 Board Retreat in Lake Geneva, WI. Greg Blus handed out a note from Chris Pett with questions to be answered and sent to Chris by Sunday, January 20, 2013.

## **New Business**

### Communications Policy

The Board had been sent an updated version of the Communications Policy draft prior to the meeting. After some general discussion, the Board agreed to review it and send any comments or questions, in the next two weeks, to Laurie Lantz for consideration by the team working on the policy.

### Midwest District Regionalization

Greg Blus reminded the Board that the UUA was in process of restructuring the geographic representation of the organization. Reverend Hilary suggested that Judy Ball, currently representing Countryside at CAUUC be asked to become active as Countryside's representative regarding Midwest District activities. Reverend Hilary will talk with Judy Ball about this.

### Community Ministry/UUMN

At the December Board meeting Reverend Giles asked the Board to consider designating funds to support Community Ministry in the UUA. At the December meeting, we were reminded that a related request had come from Jeff Hamrick regarding the UUMN a month or two earlier. The Board will ask the Social Action Committee to review these requests, in addition to the requests received through their February call, as part of Countryside's share-the-plate activity in the 2013-2014 year.

### Congregational Meeting

Greg Sweigert made a motion to have the Countryside Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 26, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee (Item added to the agenda during the meeting)

Deb Quentel asked a question about how professional development expenses were handled in the church budget. Reverend Hilary explained that expenses were budgeted on the basis of the church year (fiscal year July-June) and then expended during the calendar year, with the process of expense reports/receipts handled by the Congregational Administrator.

Gun possession on church property (added during the meeting)

In Reverend Hilary's January report, the topic of a gun policy was raised for consideration by the Board. Greg Blus noted that there was already a statement in the Countryside Policy Manual (section XIII-2) prohibiting firearms on church property.

The Board asked the Safety Task Force to consider the inclusion of additional guidelines regarding weapons as part of their review/policy update.

**Wrap up**

The Board members reviewed all action items from the meeting.

**Reading and Adjournment**

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at church.

These minutes were submitted by Richard Chay, Board of Trustees, Secretary, Countryside Church