

MINUTES OF THE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION GRAND TRAVERSE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 18, 2016

President Karl Love convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. at UUCGT.

Present: New board members Gretchen Kronk (2-year term), Don Pyne (2-year term), Kay Sturgeon (2-year-term), Linda Fletcher (three-year term), Loraine Anderson (one-year term), Acting president Karl Love and Rabbi Chava Bahle. **Absent:** Board member Phyllis Jessup (1-year-term),

Congregational members present: Karl Keinath, Richard Miller, Mary Van Valin, Nancy Doughty, Mike McDonald, Ann Swaney.

Board members read the board covenant.

1. It was moved by Gretchen Kronk and seconded by Kay Sturgeon that the Consent Agenda be accepted with a correction to page 3 of the June 30, 2016 minutes. The motion noted that the location of the board's July 18 meeting was at UUCGT, not Kay's house. The motion passed unanimously.
2. President Love read Bylaw Article VII-B, which says the board shall present a budget at the annual meeting. The board has done that and now needs to amend because more pledges than expected came in within recent weeks. This topic was discussed later in closed session because it involves staff compensation issues.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Trustee Gretchen Kronk expressed concern about electing a president with a relatively short time of experience and history with the UU congregation and the denomination. She made a motion to nominate trustee Don Pyne, a long-term UU member. Loraine Anderson seconded the motion.

The vote was 3-3. Acting president Karl Love said election of a president would have to wait till outgoing treasurer Phyllis Jessup returned to Traverse City from vacation and the seven-member board could vote on the matter in a special meeting on August 1.

In individual votes, Kay Sturgeon was elected treasurer on a motion made by Kronk and seconded by Linda Fletcher. Loraine Anderson was elected secretary on a motion made by Pyne and seconded by Kronk.

LIAISON COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Love said board liaisons for the Program Council and Leadership Development Committee should be left open until a president is elected.

As of July 18, 2016, there were four committee assignment openings – Young Family Committee, Staff Resources Committee, Policy Committee and Program Council. Details follow:

Program Council: Gretchen, Leave open for president/vice-president.

Policy: currently chaired by Mary Grover: Gretchen Kronk and Don Pyne.

Staff Resources: Karl Love and Kay Sturgeon.

Safe congregations: Karl Love.

Alternate Stewardship/Financial modeling task force: Linda Fletcher and Judy Myer, Phyllis Jessup.

Young Family – Don Pyne.

MENTOR ASSIGNMENTS

New Board members also chose mentors. They are aligned as follows:

Linda Fletcher.....Karl Love

Don Pyne.....Loraine Anderson

Gretchen Kronk.....Kay Sturgeon

STEWARDSHIP

Karl Love reported that the board needs to find volunteers as soon as possible to fill the Stewardship and Pledge Drive chairs soon so that Judy Myer, the chair for the last two years, can train them. He said he will ask the Leadership Development Committee to help with the search. Kay said she would take that issue to the Finance Committee as well. Mike McDonald volunteered to co-chair.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

In keeping with a recommendation from Rabbi Chava, Sturgeon moved and Linda Fletcher seconded that the Board approve the nomination of Chris Innes to serve on the Committee on Ministry. He is author of *“Healing Corrections: The Future of Imprisonment,”* a book about creating healing environments in prisons. The appointment was approved unanimously.

Innes is former chief of the Research and Information Services Division, National Institute of Corrections, Federal Bureau of Prisons, in Washington DC. He currently resides in Traverse City, Michigan. He retired from the U.S. Department of Justice early in 2014 after a 35-year career.

He now lives in Traverse City, Michigan and continues to write. You can follow the ongoing work of Healing Corrections at <http://www.healingcorrections.org/>

The board removed to closed session for the review of adjusted staff compensation.

The July 18 monthly board meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Rabbi Chava gave board members a copy of *“Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What,”* by Peter L. Steinke.

Submitted by

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