

Unapproved December Board Minutes

7:00 - Chalice lighting and Board Covenant

Attending: Richard Miller, Betsy Emdin, Janet Zerbel, Sally Mitchell, Marco Cabrera, Rev. Howe

Check In

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** Add request from Cheryl Bartz

**Consent Agenda:**

motion passed to accept as written –

November Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Minister's Report, DRE's Report

**Committee Reports:** none

**Pending Business:**

*Calendar Development:* need to add by-law recommendations to calendar for March

*Recommendations from the Leadership Development Committee:*

The Board discussed at length the recommendation for by-law revisions which are mainly intended to provide better continuity from one Board to the next. The Board appreciates the time and thought the LDC put into their recommendations. Some questions arose regarding wording and possible implementation.

1) Use of the word "allow" - allow the immediate Past President a voting seat on the Board. Should be more specific.

2) Board committees should consist of those that support the work of the Board rather than all 35 that exist presently. Getting Board committees defined and narrowed might make the recommended President-Elect requirements doable.

3) Observation that the PE's duties as recommended would overlap with those of the minister.

Decision made by the Board to deal with the recommendations of the LDC by making it the work of the two Board policy sub-committees consisting of Karl Love, Sally Mitchell, Marco Cabrera, Jan Geht and Rev. Howe. They may consult with LDC as needed.

*Proposal to join MUUSJN (Mich. UU Social Justice Network):*

Board discussed need for more specific information and structure that provides that we always have a liaison person. The manual needs to show that a liaison person will be named by the Social Justice committee.

Motion passed to pay the \$100 membership fee to join MUUSJ; to make it an annual budget item; to be reviewed every 2 - 3 years.

**New Business:**

*Motion to Extend Interim Ministerial Contract* with Rev. Howe for 6 months (ending end of Aug.)  
Rev. Howe accepted. Motion passed.

*Authorization for Facilities expenditure* - Finance Committee approved expenditure from the capital improvement restricted fund of \$1,175 to have an entrance cut into the crawl space. Board approval necessary because it's over \$1,000. Motion to approve passed.

*Playground Task Force* - RE committee recommended slate composed of Richard Miller, Claire Cabrera, David Halsted. Motion passed to appointment the task force which will consult with acting DRE for selection and installation of insurance compatible playground equipment.

*Concern regarding wine Sales at UUCGT* - Postponed until next month.

*Proposal to establish an Arts/Exhibition standing committee.* Motion to establish an Art/Exhibition committee whose purpose is to organize and curate exhibitions of Art and/or Social merit for extended periods within, but not necessarily restricted to, the Social Hall. It is the intent of this activity to augment present use of the space in the Social Hall, not to displace uses presently accommodated. Coordination of such displays shall be made in consultation with the Dir. of Religious Education and shall report to the Facilities Committee. The proposed committee members are Beryl Striewski, Sally Mitchell, and Claire Cabrera. Motion passed.

**Announcements** - Next scheduled Board meeting is during candidate week. There are two options: Rabbi Bahle could attend and participate in place of Cassie who would still do a Bd report. Or we could do 2 meetings. Will do an email vote. Either way, the Bd will have that time with Chava.

Cheryl Bartz requested that the Stewardship Committee be co-chaired with Cheryl and Marco. Motion passed. There will be a special meeting with the Bd. early in Jan.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2013, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
opening words - covenant  
closing words - Rabbi Bahle

Extinguish chalice and closing words: Janet Zerbel

Adjournment 9:20

Submitted by Janet Zerbel, Bd. Sec'y