Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
May 14, 2019
Springfield, Illinois

APPROVED Minutes

ATTENDANCE
Board Members: Kim Villanueva, President; Debby Hagan, Vice President; Dianne Roberts, Treasurer; Alison Stachera, Secretary; Bob Croteau, Bonnie Ettinger, Larry Muir, Lara Quivey, Dennis Rumme, Martin Woulfe, ex officio

Guest: Kurt DeWeese

UPCOMING DATES
Sunday, May 19 RE Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 19 Social Justice Committee Meeting
Sunday, June 9 Annual Congregation Member Meeting

CALL TO ORDER
Board President Villanueva called the meeting to order at 6:06.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS
1. Minutes of April 9, 2019 meeting and Minutes of May 7, 2019 budget review meeting
   Dianne Roberts moved to approve. Dennis Rumme seconded. The minutes were approved by consensus.
2. Minister’s Report
3. Membership Coordinator’s Report

ACTION ITEMS
1. Motion to Support the Expansion of ALUUC’s Solar Capacity
   The ALUUC Green Sanctuary Committee is seeking the board’s support of its efforts to expand the solar capacity of the congregation’s facilities. The ALUUC Facilities Committee has no objection to paying for the solar expansion via the combination of restricted Solar Fund money and facilities maintenance funds authorized in the Fiscal Year 2019 ALUUC budget.
   Dianne Roberts moved to approve; Bob Croteau seconded. The Motion passed by consensus.

2. Approval of March 2019 financial statements
   Dianne Roberts moved to approve; Bonnie Ettinger seconded. The March Financial Statements were approved by consensus.

3. Approval of Safe Congregation Policy
   This document is the work of an ad hoc ALUUC committee first appointed in fall 2016. The policy has been reviewed by the ALUUC Religious Education Committee and Lisa Presley, Congregational Life Consultant at the MidAmerica UUA.
The Board discussed that this policy will be included in New Member Packets and will be announced at the annual meeting June 9.

Dennis Rumme moved to approve; Lara Quivey seconded. The Policy was approved by consensus.

4. **Approval to create Ad Hoc Racial Justice Project Committee**
The ALUUC Social Justice Committee is requesting the creation of an ad hoc Racial Justice Project Committee “whose goal is to work with our congregation and the wider community to develop, strengthen, and enact anti-racist, pluralist perspectives through worship services, educational programs, lectures, book and film discussions, other cultural events, and community organizing guided by accountable partnerships.”

Dianne Roberts moved to approve; Lara Quivey seconded. The ad hoc Racial Justice Project Committee was approved by consensus.

5. **Approval of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 ALUUC budget**
This proposed budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee. If approved by the board, it will be submitted to the congregation for approval at the June 9 annual meeting.

Bonnie Ettinger moved to approve; Dianne Roberts seconded. The Annual Budget was approved by consensus.

6. **Motion to Approve Hiring of Assistant Minister Contingent on Passage of FY20 Budget**
An anonymous donor has pledged $100,000 over 3 years to assist ALUUC with the costs of hiring an Assistant Minister. If approved by the congregation as part of the FY-20 budget vote, the ALUUC Board will post the vacancy on the UUA website on June 10 and appoint an ad hoc hiring committee to oversee the selection process during summer 2019.

The Board authorized Rev. Martin Woulfe to continue conversations with the donor to clarify details before approving the motion. Once Martin reports the results of that conversation, the Board may vote on the motion before the Annual Meeting.

7. **Approval of Fair Tax Presentation**
Kurt DeWeese submitted a proposal to have Jim Dixon of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good present on Gov. Pritzker’s Fair Tax proposal because it is consistent with work that UU congregations have been actively supporting through UUANI -- Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois.

The Board authorized Kurt to contact Jim to schedule a presentation in the sanctuary post-service to those interested.

8. **Acknowledgement of Posy Robertson’s cash bequest**
ALUUC has received communication of an early distribution from the estate of longtime ALUUC member Posy Robertson. In order to receive the cash bequest, the ALUUC Board needs to acknowledge and accept the terms and restrictions placed on the gift.

Debby Hagan moved to approve; Dennis Rumme seconded. The terms and restrictions of the bequest were accepted.
DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Review of 2019 Stewardship Campaign
2. Agenda items for the June 9 annual meeting

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Larry Muir presented updates from the Facilities Committee regarding the installation of a new lamp post by the garage, a brighter lightbulb in a lamp post in the parking lot as well as the repair of the chalice in the tower.

Lara Quivey presented information the Board requested about the DRE’s completion of training.

ADJOURNMENT
Debby Hagan moved to adjourn; Dennis Rumme seconded.

President Villanueva adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM until 6 PM, June 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Stachera
Board secretary