

Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
July 18, 2017
Springfield, Illinois

APPROVED

ATTENDANCE

- Board members: Kim Villanueva, president; Debby Hagan, vice president; Dianne Roberts treasurer; Alison Stachera, Secretary, Tom Henehan, Bonnie Ettinger, Posy Robertson, Larry Muir, Lara Quivey

- Guests: Kurt DeWeese, Nate Quivey, Meg Evans

UPCOMING DATES

June 18 – August 1	Rev. Woulfe study leave / vacation
July 24 -28	Eco Camp
August 15; 5:30	Board Retreat
August 15	Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Board president Kim Villanueva called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

President Villanueva noted that a number of reports (Minister's Report, the Membership Coordinator report, and the Director of Religious Education report) had been distributed ahead of the meeting through email. A PDF packet is available.

On a motion by Bonnie Ettinger, seconded by Posy Robertson, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS from ALUUC COMMITTEES

Update on New Fire Pit

On August 20th, Nate Quivey will present his Eagle Scout Project to build a new firepit to replace the existing fire pit on the ALUUC property. He will have a table after service seeking donations to cover the \$313.84 expenses. He will continue to seek donations until the expenses are covered. He hopes the project will start late September or early October. The labor will be provided by other Eagle Scouts.

Presentation on ALUUC's Advocacy on Immigrant Rights: Hosting the Mexican Consulate

Meg Evans presented the Social Justice Committee's proposal that ALUUC be a site to host the Mexican Consulate September 19th -23rd. In conversations with SIU, District 186, the ACLU, the YMCA, the Faith Coalition, as well as other groups representing Springfield, the committee has identified a need to support Mexican immigrants in our community. The Mexican Consulate, a branch of the Mexican Embassy, offers specific information on visas, passports, ID's, birth certificates, and Voter Registry cards for the Mexican community.

Rental Agreement Discussion

The Consulate has requested use of ALUUC facilities to provide mobile outreach services. The facility will be open from 4:30 – 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 19, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Wednesday, September 20, through Friday, September 22, and Saturday, September 23, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Because the Consulate will be using sensitive finger-printing and computer equipment, access to the Sanctuary will be unavailable during those days.

Bonnie Ettinger moved to rent the ALUUC facility to the Mexican Consulate from September 19-23 for 24 hours each day at the existing rate. Tom Henehan seconded. The motion was approved.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS from ALUUC BOARD

Approval of ALUUC Committee Chairs

The following is a list of the board members who volunteered to serve as liaisons to the following committees:

Electronics & Communications:	Kim Villanueva
Facilities:	Larry Muir
Fellowship/Covenant Groups:	Tom Henehan
Finance:	Dianne Roberts
Green Sanctuary:	Bob Croteau
Long-Range Planning:	Debby Hagan
Membership:	Dianne Roberts
Pastoral Care:	Martine Woulfe
Personnel:	Posy Robertson
Program/Music:	Bonnie Ettinger & Alison Stachera
Religious Education:	Lara Quivey
Social Justice/Welcoming:	Debby Hagan
Stewardship Campaign:	Larry Muir

Tom Henehan moved to approve the Board Representatives to the Committees. Lara Quivey seconded. Larry Muir sought clarification about the commitment. Debby Hagan explained that the role is to attend the committee meetings and offer support to the groups and their projects. The motion was approved.

ALUUC Board Retreat Date

After discussion and conflicting schedules, the board decided to hold the retreat immediately before the August board meeting, which was moved to August 15. The retreat will be from 5:30-7.

Financial Report

Dianne Roberts is working with Frank Darneille, our part-time accountant, on presenting the financial reports. Debby Hagan asked if Dianne would prepare an explanation of the reports and how to have committee chairs request reimbursement for the retreat on August 15.

Recognition of Cheryl Wycoff

To honor her 10th anniversary, Bonnie Ettinger proposed that flowers be purchased for Cheryl Wycoff; Posy Robertson will purchase the arrangement as a member of the flower committee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Listening Campaign Update—Because Paula Brayden led the project and she has since moved to Arizona, Bonnie Ettinger moved to postpone its discussion to the next meeting when Martin Woulfe would be present. Bob Croteau seconded. The motion was approved.

Repairing and resealing the parking lot—Kurt DeWeese collected bids which estimate the costs to be in excess of \$5,000. The congregation has already approved this expenditure and Dianne noted that there is a \$12,600 line item for "Facilities," which was increased from last year with expenditures like this in mind. Kurt proposed the project should be done before the end of the summer because it will restrict access to the parking lot for two days. President Villanueva asked for a member of facilities to review the bids and report back to the committee.

Pre-payment of INB Mortgage—ALUUC's mortgage with Illinois National Bank will be paid off in January, 2018. Kurt DeWeese proposed that we could save \$300 in interest fees by paying off our mortgage early. Debby Hagan

and Dianne Roberts asked for recommendations from the Finance Committee to consider our “cash-on-hand” status before approving. Kurt agreed to contact the finance committee. The conversation will continue through email to expedite the process.

Safe Congregations Policy Revision

ALUUC’s Safe Congregations policy was adopted in February 2005, and a subcommittee comprised of members of the ALUUC board and the Committee on Ministry is updating the policy to address areas such as social media. It will be brought to the board at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

President Villanueva adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM until Tuesday, August 15.

Respectively submitted,

Alison Stachera
Board secretary