Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 10, 2017
Springfield, Illinois

Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE
Board members: Kim Villanueva, President; Debby Hagan, Vice President; Dianne Roberts, Treasurer; Alison Stachera, Secretary; Bob Croteau, Posy Robertson, Lara Quivey, Bonnie Ettinger, Larry Muir, and Rev. Martin Woulfe (ex officio)

UPCOMING DATES
Friday, October 13-15 UU Women’s Connection Annual Fall Retreat, DeKoven Center, Racine, WI
Sunday, October 15 Social Justice Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 22 Pathways class (Part 1)
Monday, October 23 Pathways class (Part 2)

CALL TO ORDER
Board president Kim Villanueva called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

ACTION ITEMS from ALUUC COMMITTEES/MEMBERS
Approval of request to sponsor a spring 2018 Senior Youth Group Con—requested by the ALUUC Senior Youth Group
SYG member Angela Salom presented the group’s request to host a Senior Youth Group Con April 6-8th

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS
1. Minutes of September 12 Board meeting
2. Minister’s October 2017 Report
3. Membership Coordinator’s September 2017 Report
4. Director of Religious Education’s October 2017 Report
5. July and August 2017 Financial Statements
6. Approval to waive rental fees for the Sunday, December 10 Center for Youth and Family Solutions holiday party at ALUUC
7. Adoption of Welcoming City resolution

On a motion by Bonnie Ettinger, seconded by Lara Quivey, the Consent Agenda was approved.

CONVERSATION WITH THE ALUUC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Carol Kneedler, Membership Committee Chair, Tracy Zieber Minks, Membership Coordinator

Membership Outreach
Membership Committee Chair Carol Kneedler presented ways the Committee is working to integrate and engage current members; additionally, a discussion ensued about ways to create a culture of welcome and hospitality for visitors. Some ideas included making Board members more visible by wearing brighter nametags and standing during Reverend Martin’s introduction on Sunday mornings. It was also suggested that Board members sit with visitors during the service.

“Assessing Our Hospitality”
Carol Kneedler presented an assessment document gathered from the UUA that is meant to gauge our
congregation’s “Hospitality.” Using a Likert scale of 1-10, Carol asked the Board members to fill out the assessment; the Board did so.

Once more data is gathered by other members, the Membership Committee will report the results to the Board.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS from ALUUC COMMITTEES/MEMBERS**

1. **Approval of increase in RE hours**—requested by the ALUUC Religious Education Committee
   The Finance Committee met and discussed that the extra $4,290 a year will need to come out of the budget somewhere and it would be a “non-budgeted” expense. Martin stated that he followed-up with LAREDA and discovered that the training does not need to be completed in 3 years. In a phone call to Pat Marshall, it was confirmed that she would prefer to complete the training in the three-year period.

   Dianne Roberts moved to increase the work hours of the DRE to five hours a week beginning November 1st through the end of the credentialing program, not to exceed 3 years. Posy Robertson seconded. The motion was approved without dissent.

2. **Approval to host iftar on May 27, 2018**
   Reverend Martin would like to form a team to organize the event; he will offer a detailed proposal for the Board to consider at a future Board meeting.

3. **April 6-8th Senior Youth CON**—Angela Solon & Pat Marshall
   Board approved by consensus.

4. **Approval of application to seek UUA reimbursement for Gamaliel training of ALUUC members**
   (Moved from Consent Agenda to Action item)
   Dianne Roberts made a motion to approve the application for reimbursement. Bob Croteau seconded. Board approved without dissent.

**UPDATES from OTHER ALUUC BOARD LIAISONS**
Reports were given from Board liaisons on Social Justice Committee (Debby Hagan), Facilities (Larry Muir), and Green Sanctuary (Bob Croteau).

**ADJOURNMENT**
President Villanueva adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM until Tuesday, November 14, at 6:00pm.

Respectively submitted,

Alison Stachera
Board secretary