

**Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Board**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 6:30 PM

**Present:** Bob Clay, Allison Estes-Browne, Jessica Fleming, Susan Jacobs, Deedie Kriebel, John Marunowski, Olivia Saunders, Rev. Linda Barnes

**Visiting:** Nancy Chaddock and Mary Hazelton for the Stewardship Committee

**Opening Words:** Rev. Linda Barnes lit the chalice, and read opening words.

**Check-In:** We spoke about our current life events.

**Stewardship Committee:** Nancy Chaddock and Mary Hazelton, Co-Chairs of this committee, brought us up-to-date on their plans for this year. The campaign will begin in March, with cottage meetings. Last year, we learned to focus more on values and motivation, rather than just dollar amounts. There will be a monetary goal, but people will be asked to go deeper and think a bit in order to give a thoughtful pledge. Plans will be announced soon. Thank you to Nancy, Mary and the committee, for your work!

**Consent Agenda:**

December Board Meeting Minutes

January Minister's Report

Rev. Linda discussed her report: many activities, including community engagement and beginning formation of the NH UU Action Network (beginning name).

Deedie moved to accept the Consent Agenda as written; John seconded the motion; all voted Aye with none opposed and no abstentions.

Bob discussed our current finances – the written report will be included at the next meeting. Generally speaking, we are in good shape, and the Endowment Committee will have some funds to work with this year.

**Decision-Making in the Fellowship:** Rev. Linda led this discussion about how we make decisions at SKUUF, how the Board, Staff, Minister, and Committee Chairs can communicate and work together, and allocate responsibility, to make our decision-making more effective. Linda will speak with an advisor at UUA for ideas and guidance in this process (thus making good use of our UUA resources). We will re-visit this issue, continue discussions and work on plans to improve our decision-making process.

**Decision on Projection System:** Following up on information presented by Kathy Kelsey of the Tech Committee in November, we reviewed our options on purchasing a projection system. We rejected a simple projector on a rolling cart with a portable screen, in favor of a state-of-the-art ceiling mounted projector with a large drop-down screen, also requiring a laptop, for approximately \$12,000 to \$14,000.

After the good experience we had with the Shanahan company who provided our new sound system last year, we favored going with them, with the added benefit of interfacing the sound system with the new projection system, and because our setup is already known by this company. To make this expenditure requires a vote of the Membership. This can be done at the Annual Meeting in May. An Adult Education program can introduce SKUUFers to this system well before the meeting.

Allison moved that we support the Shanahan proposal for the projection system for \$13,273.00 according to the November 2016 quote, to be presented at the Annual Meeting for vote by the Membership. Jessica seconded the motion. Five board members voted Aye, two abstained, and none were opposed. The motion passed.

**Auction Discussion:** We discussed whether to hold the annual Auction fundraiser this year. It is always a good fundraiser, but some felt that it may be time to try other forms of fundraising. Special lunches and dinners were discussed, and we will do research and follow up on this issue before committing to the Auction.

**Annual Meeting Date:** Looking at the available Sundays in May and early June, we settled on Sunday, May 21 for the Annual Meeting. This will be immediately following the Sunday Service.

**Board Coffee Hour Date:** We chose Sunday, March 19 for the Board to provide coffee hour.

**UUA Webinar – Maintaining Website:** SKUUFers are invited to participate in this Webinar, on maintaining a good website and web identity, Saturday, February 11, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**UUA Certification:** The UUA requires that all congregations who wish to remain official UUA members, submit a questionnaire every winter. We spent time filling out the answers to the questions they asked, about our Fellowship, activities, community activism, support of social issues, and use of UUA resources. Susan will submit this to their office. There is also a financial information form that was submitted, and a membership count. Additionally, we voted on supporting the UUA's Statement of Conscience on "Escalating Inequality," to be placed on the agenda for the General Assembly in June. Olivia moved to accept the Congregational Poll, "Escalating Inequality;" Allison seconded the motion; six board members voted in favor, one abstained (not having read it yet), and none opposed. The motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Jessica moved that we adjourn, Deedie seconded the motion, all voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Olivia Saunders,  
Board Secretary

## **Action Items**

Read Financial Report on website and bring questions to next meeting.

Check with Kathy Kelsey whether the quote on the projection system is still good.

Discuss auction/dinner fundraising ideas.

Include projection proposal in Warrant Article for Annual Meeting.

Ask Kathy Kelsey if she would give an Adult Education session introducing the projection system.