

Minutes UUSJ Board Meeting – March 15, 2014

Attendees:

Martha Ades	Representative	UU Congregation of Fairfax
Lavona Grow	Co-Chair - at large	UU Church of Arlington
John Gubbings	Treas. - at large	Cedar Lane UU Church
Ed Kringer	Representative	Accotink UU Church
Bob Schurter	Representative	UU Congregation of Columbia
Karen Wood	Guest	UU Congregation of Columbia
Ethel Gilbert	Representative	UU Congregation of Rockville
Al Carlson	Co-Chair – Rep.	UU Church in Reston
Marily Hathaway	Alternate	Cedar Lane UU Church
Bill Alsmeyer-Johnson	Secretary - member	Mount Vernon Unitarian Church
Jim Alcauskas	Representative	Bull Run UUs
Mike McCord	At-large	
Terry Ellen	Exec. Director	
Cynthia Snavelly	Administrator	

Welcome: Chalice Lighting and Reading – Cynthia Snavelly

Quorum Count – The quorum was achieved.

Secretary’s Report: Bill Alsmeyer-Johnson

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer’s Report – John Gubbings

CFC has changed how they send contributions – quarterly – which has to be monitored to see if we are still getting a similar amount as in previous years.

Executive Director’s report: Terry Ellen

Four UUSJ watch parties were held for the Robert Reich film, “inequality for All” – we will look to replicate this in the future.

Steering environmental group – regional (Compass group has volunteered to lead it) – hasn’t yet chosen a name for themselves. Meeting Sponsored by UUSJ and All Souls to be held March 22 at the UU Church of Arlington.

Terry spoke of his resignation and his reasons. He has offered to continue, pending announcement of a replacement. Has been doing the job for about 9 years.

2014-15 Proposed Budget discussion: John Gubbings

Lavona suggested including a general consulting category in the proposed budget.

We will discuss the proposal of raising the individual membership dues at our May meeting.

We used to get some members through our events but as we are shifting towards advocacy we may have to shift how we try to gain members. Lavona brought up the question of giving individual members a vote.

Committee Reports

Advocacy committee - They want thoughts, input.

Principles – establish harmonious relationships with UULM-MD and UULM-VA as well as other groups working on our issues.

Issues Identification and Selection Task Force. Set up a form on our website on various social justice issues that folks would be interested in for advocacy.

Immigration Task Force

Discussion was held on the UUSJ Immigration Advocacy and Awareness Work Plan 2014.

Congregational Outreach letters – discussion.

We discussed who to reach out to for our planned visits to our congregations. Ed Kringer suggested that we reach out to Social Justice chairs in congregations as well as to the ministers.

Announcements.

UUSJ is co-sponsoring a UU Green Leaders & Environmental Justice Collaboration Gathering on March 22 at the UU Church of Arlington. This event will feature speakers from the UU United Nations Office and from Citizens Climate Lobby.

A UUSJ program on Wealth Divide – Economic Inequality will be held at the UU Church of Arlington on May 3rd.

The UU Church of Arlington will be having a concert for Dreamers.

Paint Branch, having received a grant from UUSJ to set up an ESL program, reports that it is doing well.

Outreach – Reports from grant recipients will be featured on the UUSJ website. More guidance will be provided to grant recipients on reporting.

Rev. Mark Morrison Reed will be speaking at the Mt. Vernon UU Church on May 3 about his book, "In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby." UUSJ provided a social justice grant to MVUC in support of this event.

Next Board meeting – May 10th.