

**Trustees Attending:** Lynda Bluestein, Mary-Jane Cross, Carrie McEvoy, Catherine Onyemelukwe, Chris Seiple (via Skype), K.C. Senie, Bob Trefry, John Turmelle, Ken Vogel, and Rev. John Morehouse (ex-officio)

**Visitors:** D Adams – Executive Director, Bart Stuck – Nominating & Leadership Development

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Motions/Actions
<b>Welcome</b>	Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by L. Shannon	
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>	C Onyemelukwe gave a centering reading by R Neibuhr – “We Must be Saved”	
<b>Check In</b>	Trustees and guests checked in with future hopes.	
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<p>Consent Agenda Items to be Approved:</p> <p>1) Minutes: June Board Meeting &amp; ZOOM Video Conference            2) Endowment Accounts: signatories and New Fund Accounts            3) Voices Café Fundraiser Proposal</p> <p>Information Items:</p> <p>1) Executive Director Report 2) CEO/Senior Minister’s Report</p>	<p><b>M/S/V</b> K Vogel &amp; C Onyemelukwe moved to approve the Consent Agenda – passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Board thanked the Senior Minister and Executive Director for their concise, thorough reports.</p>
<b>Board Goals 2016-17</b>	B Trefry, KC Senie, L Shannon presented the proposed 2016-17 Board Goals. The Board agreed we are doing Policy Governance to make everything we do matter – by year-end we want to say “we know the congregation is healthier because...”	<b>M/S/V</b> B Trefry & K Vogel moved to approve Board Goals - passed unanimously.
<b>Board Covenant</b>	K Vogel, C McEvoy presented the proposed 2016-17 Board Covenant.	<b>M/S/V</b> MJ Cross & K Vogel moved to adopt the Covenant – approved unanimously
<b>Request by W McEvoy for TUCW Sponsorship</b>	The Board voiced full support for approving this Sponsorship request, W McEvoy being known to all. It was suggested that a written policy and guidelines for how the Board will evaluate future such requests, perhaps when the petitioner is less well known to the members be developed.	<b>M/S/V</b> K Vogel & J Turmelle moved to accept W McEvoy’s request for TUCW sponsorship for aspirant status in the UUA Ministerial Fellowship – 8 in favor, 1 recused (C. McEvoy)
<b>Regional Affiliation</b>	L Shannon presented a proposal to move TUCW to the UUA New England Region. After discussion, the Board voiced unanimous support of this proposal. The Board requested L Shannon and J Morehouse to communicate this action to the ministers/presidents of the Danbury and Stamford Congregations before contacting the Director of Congregational Life at the UUA with the request.	<p>The formal motion to change UUA regional affiliation is tabled to the October Board of Trustees meeting.</p> <p>L Shannon and Rev J Morehouse will reach out to Danbury &amp; Stamford Congregations re joining the New England Region.</p>
<b>Committee Realignment</b>	L Shannon introduced the history of the former Standing Committees of the Board that were in the prior TUCW Constitution, and presented the proposal on future alignment, which had been drafted by the prior Board of Trustees in May 2016. Discussion centered on the need for ensuring that not only paid staff but committees can come to the board when needed. The Board will articulate this when writing Limitations Policies.	<p><b>M/S/V</b> K Vogel &amp; KC Senie moved to re-align the former Board committees as follows:</p> <p><u>Board</u> – Audit</p> <p><u>Ministry</u> –Worship, Music, Membership, Lifespan Faith Development, Social Justice, Communications, Buildings &amp; Grounds, Human Resources, Stewardship, Memorial Garden, Safer Congregation</p>

		<p>Joint – Finance.  Passed unanimously  MJ Cross to keep a running agenda of future discussion items for the Board.</p>
<b>Linkage: Town Halls and Other Ways to Connect to Moral Owners</b>	<p>The Board ways it has traditionally communicated with the congregation and discussed the need to develop more channels for sharing and for listening to Moral Owners. Four Congregational Town Halls and monthly <u>Soundings</u> Board Reports are already scheduled. Formats and topics need to be planned. Other linkage ideas include meeting with naturally occurring groups to listen/connect/get ideas for how we can link with them and what they want from us. A Task Group of the Board formed to further develop these ideas.</p>	<p>Linkage Task Force Appointed: K Vogel, Convener, B Trefry, KC Senie and C Seiple were appointed to work on Linkage issue.</p>
<b>NEW: Planning LIFT Celebration</b>	<p>D Adams reported that a contract has been signed and the implementation process begun.  A suggestion was made for the Stewardship Committee to take charge of a Lift celebration when it is complete.</p>	<p>D Adams will discuss a Lift celebration with Stewardship.</p>
<b>New/Old Business</b>	<p>New Business – set next Board workshop on ENDS policies.  No Old Business.</p>	<p>Board of Trustees ENDS workshop: Oct 15 8:30 - 4:00, in the Meeting House. D Adams will facilitate.</p>
<b>Check out &amp; Assignments</b>		<p>Board assignments listed above.</p>
<b>Process Observer</b>	<p>C Seiple (teleconference) &amp; D Adams offered process observations: the Board was focused, respectful, brought back to the topic when we strayed. Good use of Policy Governance concepts in discussions. Items presented for vote well prepared in advance. Suggestion for improvement: we need to observe the <u>Hand-up-to-speak process</u> – before being recognized and speaking.</p>	
<b>Closing Reflection</b>	<p>KC Senie gave a reading from the Hymnal – “The Winds of Summer” (P Shuttee)</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm  The Next Board Meeting is <b>Tuesday, October 18, 2016</b> at 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Room Set Up: John T and Ken V  Room Break Down: Lynda and MJ  Opening Reflection &amp; Chalice Lighting: Carrie  Process Observer: Catherine  Closing Reflection: Chris  Refreshments &amp; Clean Up: K.C. &amp; Bob</p>

Minutes prepared by M.J. Cross, Secretary 09/20/2016