

Unity Church-Unitarian: Meeting of the Board of Trustees December 4, 2016

The meeting took place electronically via Zoom.

Board of Trustees (BOT) members present: Stu Alger, Estelle Brouwer, Justin Cummins, Nancy Evert, Mark Foster, Peter Heege, Angela Newhouse, John Steiner-Manning, Bailey Webster

Executive Team (ET) members present: Rob Eller-Isaacs, Barbara Hubbard

Justin Cummins called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m., noting that this special meeting of the BOT was called to follow up on an email exchange among Trustees and ET members, a discussion at a December 3 training session, and an information session for Trustees earlier on December 4. The focus of this series of discussions was a proposed BOT motion related to the possibility of Unity Church self-designating as a sanctuary congregation.

Justin Cummins opened the meeting by giving a brief overview of the informational discussion held among several Trustees and Rob earlier in the day.

Justin Cummins moved the following: That the Board of Trustees of Unity-Church Unitarian explicitly endorses the Executive Team's decision to open Unity as a sanctuary congregation. Peter Heege seconded the motion.

Q&A

ET members responded to questions from Trustees covering a range of topics, including potential legal implications, timelines, potential length and significance of the sanctuary commitment, what is known about any sanctuary-related actions of our peer UU congregations, and anticipated communication with the congregation.

Discussion

Trustees shared their individual views on the motion and indicated their intent to vote either in favor of or against the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Justin Cummins called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved, with seven trustees voting in favor and two against.

The meeting was adjourned by Justin Cummins at 9:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Estelle Brouwer

