

Date: - 3pm, Jan 5, 2017 SPECIAL UUFVB BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

Board Mission Statement:

**"To secure the spiritual and financial future of the Fellowship
by working together with the congregation."**



- 1 Opening words & chalice lighting...Pete Kersey
- 2 Present: Pete Kersey Board President, Rod Baker Treasurer (by phone) and members Larry Nalepa, Terry Domino, Sue Schmitke, Susan Burt, John Maher (by phone) and ex officio Rev Scott Alexander. Member Paul Amaru excused.
- 3 Visitors: Amy Gallo and Barbara Lipton
- 4 Amy Gallo discussed with the board the difficulties associated with attempted to do a 2018 Celebrated Speaker series. The Finance Committee and the Emerson Center committee have recommended the series be discontinued due to these difficulties and the probability of losing money instead of making money.
It appears that the 2017 series will just be breaking even and not earning revenue for the general fund.

MOTION: THE BOARD HAS DECIDED AFTER THOROUGH DISCUSSION THAT THE CELEBRATED SPEAKER SERIES BE DISCONTINUED, ENDING WITH THE CURRENT 2017 SERIES. THE BOARD GIVES ITS HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO AMY GALLO FOR HER EFFORTS AND EXPERTISE. MOTION PASSED.

(Note: After the meeting there was further discussion via email and it was decided the announcement of the cancellation would not take place until the final Celebrated Speaker of this year.)

5. Rev Alexander discussed with the board the idea that this year, in light of the president elect announcements and appointments so far, that we might have to take a public stand in support of our seven principles.
He said we might even want to ask the congregation to join forces in civil disobedience if the new administration should go so far as to require Muslims to register nationally. He suggested, as UUA President Morales has said, UU's might want to register as Muslims alongside the adherents of that religion.
No action was taken, only a point made that things are shaping in such a manner as to perhaps require such action and the minister and the board and the congregation need to keep in open communication about these things.
Board members expressed agreement.

6. The Board went into Executive Session over the subject of the possible sale of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Kersey, President of the Board