

## UUNashua Board of Trustees Informal Meeting Notes

June 19, 2012

Present: Ellen Fisher, Lance Pratt, Mary Licking, Jenn Morton, Kathleen Griffis, Harry Purkhiser,  
Kate O'Shea, Diane Fontas, Jamie Hinkle, Mike Wilt, Steve Edington, Donna LaRue

Not present (excused): David Hudson, Pat Ladew

Members were advised to have on hand at meetings and to become familiar with two documents critical to Board business: the bylaws and the governance policies. Those documents are located on the church website. New members were issued copies of Governance and Ministry by Hotchkiss and were asked to read it. The book was studied last year by the other members.

All members were given 1) the agenda appended with III. Board Process from the governance policies, 2) Transition Team Candidates' Ideal Characteristics authored by Ellen after discussion with Reverend Olivia Holmes, and 3) a starter list of potential Transition Team nominees authored by Ellen and Jenn.

Steve and Ellen briefly explained considerations with regard to Steve's request that the church transfer to him the copyright to material and sermons he generated while employed by the church. There was a discussion about current practices within the denomination and overseeing the ability of the church to access its history.

Mike made a motion that the Board of Trustees act on behalf of UUNashua to grant Steve Edington the publishing rights to the material and sermons he developed during his tenure at this church, while the church would retain the copyright, with the proviso that if the arrangement proves unsatisfactory in the future the Board of Trustees will revisit the arrangement. The motion was seconded by Kathleen and passed by all.

Ellen explained that our process for nominating a Transition Team to aid the interim minister in readying the congregation for the process of choosing a settled minister is informed by UUA guidance handbooks and her recent discussion with Reverend Olivia Holmes. Transition Team members are to serve one term of two years duration and are ineligible to serve on the Search Committee for the settled minister. Ineligible to serve on the Transition Team are members of the UUNashua Special Committee on Ministry, Board members, and spouses or partners of members of the Board of Trustees.

Using the sources informing the process discussed above and the starter list, further nominations were accepted from the floor for potential Transition Team members. Votes received : Number of nominees (in the 9 votes received down to 4 votes received range) are as follows: 9 votes received: 1 nominee; 8 votes received: two nominees; 7 votes received: 1 nominee; 6 votes received: 1 nominee; 5 votes received: 2 nominees; 4 votes received: 2 nominees. Ellen and Jenn were tasked with contacting the nominees to determine whether there is interest in serving.

The next meeting is the second Tuesday in August. Members were asked to bring their schedules to facilitate the naming of a date for the retreat.

Harry made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Lance and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Licking