

Summary of the April and May 2015 Board of Trustees Meetings

The UUCR Board met for its monthly meetings on April 21 and May 19. We reviewed regular reports from the Treasurer and Minister.

At the April meeting, the Board: extended Andrea Spencer-Linzie's contract through June 30, 2016; approved the new Assistant Minister Search Committee; approved the Partner Plate Pilot Project to begin in September; approved the Rockville Cooperative Nursery School's five-year lease renewal; and approved a new Religious Education (RE) staffing plan, increasing hours for the Youth Coordinator, replacing the Nursery Care Provider with a Child Care Coordinator, and reducing the RE Office Assistant hours. All of these RE positions are in the process of being filled.

In April, Marie Reed, Lay Minister for Buildings and Grounds, arranged for Sue Mullineaux of DCMM Architects to brief us on the schematic drawings for two options to improve our use of the space in Building 1. On May 17, Marie briefed the attendees at the Annual Congregational Meeting on the same options; she used a small group approach to ask for feedback and take questions. At its May meeting, the newly-elected Board discussed the Building 1 plans.

The May meeting was the first one for the new Board members: Ellen Rohan, Vice President, See-Yan Lam, Secretary, and José Clemente, General Trustee. We said farewell to Nancy Klag, our Immediate Past President, thanking him for his service. We approved delegates to General Assembly (GA). They are: Eric Burch, Steve Eckstrand, Fran Lowe, Alberta Maschal, Marie Reed, Ken Sandin, Dennis Wellnitz, and Abbey Uffelman. Rev. Doug McCusker will also be attending.

Abbey, our youth delegate, was awarded a scholarship to GA and to Temple University through the Unitarian Universalist Association. She is a leader among her peers at UUCR and within our district, cluster, and Central East Regional Group (CERG).

Cynthia Bauerle provided an orientation to the new Board members, who received a book on governance. Kent Hancock gave a briefing on the budget process. Dr. Joel Buzy presented a proposal for an automatic external defibrillator. The Board asked him to return for the June meeting with recommendations for a specific model and information on costs for any incidentals and training.