

## **Summary of the October 2015 Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

The UUCR Board met on October 20. Julie Robinson presented the monthly financial report. Our investment income was down compared to projections; the operating budget is in good shape. Richard Chitty, Aaron Pied and Julie Graf shared their fun plans for the Halloween Hullabaloo. October 31's fundraiser is a huge effort; we thank all who are participating to make it a success.

Rev. Lynn reported on ministerial efforts, including the first meeting of the Racial Justice Working Group on October 5 and an October 7 meeting of Montgomery County Unitarian Universalist colleagues to coordinate racial justice work. She expressed her gratitude to the congregation for supporting her mini-sabbatical to nourish herself and her daughter, son-in-law, and new twin grandsons.

The Board approved the Memory Board installation proposal. We approved Capital Improvement Funds to buy a new 70" TV, sound bar, and cart.

Ellen Rohan briefed the Board on our long-term Strategic Plan that is broken into yearly segments called Annual Implementation Plans (AIPs) and the budget process that supports it. In the AIP, we plan the work we will do in the next fiscal year, the last one of our five-year Plan. Then, we request the budget needed for FY 16-17 by the end of December. We will report on the work done next year in the 2017 Annual Report. Ask Ellen if you have any questions.

Andrea Spencer-Linzie presented the recommendations of the Religious Education Transition Team (RETT). The Board is most grateful for the report and for the eight-member team's efforts over the last year. The team members were: Fran Lowe, Chair, Beth Vann, Gwen Rowe, Len Taylor, Erika Pied, Karen Whitesell, Andrea Spencer-Linzie, Interim Director of Religious Education, and Rev. Lynn Strauss. The report includes a vision, direction, and staffing for UUCR's future religious education program. The Board will be making decisions on the staffing recommendations at our November 17 meeting.

The Board continued discussing ways to honor our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We identified six capital improvement projects for detailed plans and costs. Marie Reed, Lay Minister for Buildings & Grounds, will work with stakeholders to accomplish this in time for the December Board meeting.

Please stop by the Board table in Fellowship Hall after the Sunday service to speak with a member of the Board about what is on your mind.

