

Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio (UUJO) Board of Directors
Monday, March 6, 7:00 pm

Attendees: Alice Diebel (guest), Ginnie Vogts, Gary Davenport, Carol Temerson, Dan Schneider, Rev. Rina Shere, Rev. Denis Paul, Samuel Prince

Absent: Scott Piepho, Rev. Lynda Smith, Rae Jane Araujo

Actions and Agreements:

- **Carol** will contact Rae Jane to see if she has any issues with creating the monthly UUJO financial report.
- The Board agreed to pay \$150 per speaker at the Spring regional events.
- **Gary** will share contact information with the Board on workshops they have had in Youngstown.
- **ALL** should think about when we should get together for our next in-person Board meeting.

1. Check-In

2. Finances

We have about \$13,500 in bank right now. **Action: Carol will contact Rae Jane to see if she has any issues with creating the monthly UUJO financial report.**

3. Fundraising

We submitted a \$1,500 proposal to the UUFP for a Public Witness Matching Grant. We need to ask people to make contributions/donations to UUJO at regional meetings this Spring. We need to talk with liaisons to help us identify major donors from the congregations after our regional meetings.

4. UU Funding Program Public Witness Event Grant

See above. **Agreement: The Board agreed to pay \$150 per speaker at the Spring regional events** (instead of the previously agreed to amount of \$200) since we have so many speakers. We should also see if we can purchase food cheaply for these events. We will need an accurate list of who is new to these events for our matching funds.

Northern Ohio: April 15th. Speakers all set. Don Malarcik (Death Penalty), Rev. Tim Temerson (Sanctuary), Scott Piepho (Separation of Church and State), and Amanda Hoyt (State Advocacy Actions). Will also try to get minister from Denver or Meg Barnhouse (Texas) who have already done Sanctuary. Per our proposal for the UUFP Public Witness Matching Grant we will need to have participants create Action Plans (e.g., meet with Senator Portman as a group and/or come together for another event).

Central Ohio: March 25th, 10AM to 4PM. This teach-in event will be advertised to groups beyond just UUs. “Yes We Can” will be talking about their vision for change. “Showing Up for Racial Justice” will be talking about local situations. They will also discuss next action steps and close with the evaluation.

Southwest Ohio: This event wants to have a state legislator speak. Amanda Hoyt will be coming in to talk about local issues and how to meet with state legislators. They too

will discuss next steps and have people complete action plans for themselves.

6. Board Conversations with Congregational Liaisons

Denis – Good conversations and everyone glad to hear from UUJO. Congregations want info about what issues to focus on. Does UUJO have workshops to present at congregations? Samuel preached at Youngstown (“What’s Your Frontline?”). Rina talked with congregations on her list. Denis and Rina will follow up with liaisons once Carol gets registration set up.

7. Legislative Visits

Ginnie, Lynda, and group of people met with Pat Tiberi (US Rep) for over an hour and talked about ACA and healthcare, in general. He talked about social safety net but attendees were not clear what he meant. Ginnie also met with Sen. Sherrod Brown the Friday before.

8. Other Issues or Concerns: Thinking Ahead

General Assembly attendees: Denis, Alice, Samuel, Dan, Lynda. Rina wanted to revisit the request from West Shore about workshops UUJO could offer. Since we are holding workshops around the state in Spring, we should let West Shore know specifically about this event. Amanda Hoyt may be able to share her slides with us on advocacy. We could share these on the UUJO website. **Action: Gary will share contact information with the Board on workshops they have had in Youngstown** (Moll Toff). **Action: Board should think about when we should get together for our next in-person meeting.**

9. Next Meeting, Monday, April 3, 7:00 pm

Adjournment