**UUJO Board of Directors Meeting 2/4/15 Minutes**

7 pm **Convened** by Exec Committee Chair Dan Schneider Check in.

Attendees: Dan Schneider, Lynda Smith, Alice Diebel, Pam Patsch, MJ Pierson, Gary Davenport, Samuel Prince, Carol Temerson, Howard Tolley

**Reports**

7:05

1. 2016 GA Planning – Lynda Group from Ohio met early to discuss approach when talking with UUA folks. Strategy worked well and UUA folks listened to what resources Ohio has for GA 2016. Working across faith lines seems important to UUA for social witness event. Rev. Peter Morales will have final decision about social witness event. The GA chalice will be available to any congregations in Ohio that wish to use it. Talk with Laura Howe about using it. Laura also asked for ideas about social justice project for 2016. Ideas from UUJO Board include UUs at a crossroad, immigration issues, human rights issue, and possibly something relating to Cuba and seminary students who want to be UU ministers.

2. 2015 Attending – Wayne, Joan, Carol, Howard Alice may attend.

7:10 Issues Action Team Reports

1. Economic Justice -- Dan A summary of the first meeting with the Economic Justice Action team was sent out. This group will participate in MeetUp4Justice.

2. Criminal/Racial Justice – Howard

Can Alice or other MVUUF represent UUJO at 4:30-8:30 Hearing at Central State by Ohio Task Force on Community Police Relations? (Lynn Buffington to attend) HT can do 3/10 Hearing in Cinci. Howard asked for suggestions regarding this task force. Ideas include taking investigation away from prosecutors when police accused of killing, using Cincinnati model throughout all of Ohio, and police training in the use of non-lethal force. ACTION: Howard to send out details of Cincinnati model to Board members.

3. Immigration Carol Using California Trust Act information from the Interfaith Immigration Coalition, met with Fairlawn police chief to talk about treatment of immigrants. Nothing came out of meeting since police said no immigrants in area. Will talk with Don Sherman about how to get a better outcome.

4. Other – Environment, Commit2Respond month. LWV Day in Columbus, voting The Commit2Respond campaign will kick into high gear as Water Day approaches. Would like to hear from UUJO people who are interested in the environment so we can be more effective in this area.

7:20 Administrative Reports – Exec Dir Howard, Sec’ty Pam, Treas. MJ, + Carol

1. Communications – Exchange publication deadline. Regional cluster calendars. ACTION: Carol to check about why Dan is not receiving the UUJO newsletter. DONE. Had to remove and then add Dan as subscriber to newsletter.

2. Membership: East Shore. Oberlin? Use 2015 membership report. Renewals -- Pam Justice Advocates. Howard Justice Congregations Samuel believes Oberlin will join UUJO. Pam revisited the membership list. Howard will do congregational renewals and Pam will do individual member renewals. Date of renewal should be based on date individual or congregation submitted dues. ACTION: Carol to send Samuel link for congregation to join UUJO. DONE.

3. Finances: $20,000 Reserve balance. Transition to Carol for Bookkeeping by July 1 There was some discussion about the budget for UUJO staff. ACTION: Howard to review salary line in budget and make suggestions to Board.

4. Coalition of UU State Action Networks. UU Justice Arizona and Baja4

5. UU Society of Community Ministries lay membership. Howard is now a member of the this society and UUJO is paying $75 membership fee.

7:30 **MeetUp4Justice Plan**

The idea behind this is for Ohio UUs to build and maintain relationships with their lawmakers.

1. 3 regional cluster workshops with Amanda Hoyt for up to 25 UUs (others?)

2. Cinci Sat 2/14 10 to 1 at St. John’s facilitated by Dan + Howard Attend: Alice

3. Northern Ohio including Youngstown facilitated by Carol. Attend? Samuel

4. Central Ohio Facilitator(s)? Howard, Lynda Attend?: Ginnie, Pam

5. Relationship Building + values statements with both Senators + Reps.

7:40 **Recommended Actions**

1. 2016 Justice Congregation Dues Increase from $1 to $2 per member and the new cap will increase from $300 to $600 per congregation. Pam worries that some congregations cannot afford the new fee. ACTION: Board will address in March the possibility of some congregations having trouble paying this new fee. Motion by Gary: Move to increase 2016 UUJO Justice Congregation dues to $2 per member with a new cap of $600 per congregation. Motion seconded by Lynda. Motion passed.

2. Expense Reimbursement Policy

1. Receipt/documentation required prior to any reimbursement.

2. Staff may without advance authorization obtain reimbursement if within approved budget line – consistent with practice for OMD staff, a change to current UUJO practice

3. UUJO Volunteers eligible for reimbursed expenses need payment authorized in advance by Executive Director or Executive Committee Chair.

Motion by Gary: Move to accept a new UUJO expense reimbursement policy as stated above. Motion seconded by Pam. Motion passed. ACTION: Dan will send Beth an email regarding this new policy.

Other Business? none

7:55 Proposed Future Meeting Dates

* March Executive Committee (and others wishing to join) Meeting - scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 7PM
* April Board of Directors Meeting - Date and time TBD. ACTION: Howard to set meeting date using Doodle