

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair**  
**June 16, 2015**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting began at 8:40 pm**

**Staff:** Charlie Ortman, Judy Tomlinson

**Members:** Arlene Dodge, Sue Rauffer, Dorothy Sommer, Judith Rew, Laura Kushner, Dottie Hiebing, Chris Corbett, Judith Rew, Mike Mernin, Jerry Fried, Jim Abrams, Ellen Fenster, Amelia Flynn is here as a representative of the senior youth for the summer, Steve Ramshur

**Visitors:** Judy Ortman

**Statement of Guiding Principles: Dorothy**

**Opening Words: Mike**

Reviewed his history with the UUCM

**Board minutes: May 2015**

Chris moves / seconded / accepted

**President's Report: Mike**

Makes a motion that all who are attending GA can be delegates (8 in total: Mike Mernin, Judith Rew, Dave Lewis and Carolyn Burr, Kimberly Quinn Johnson, Terry Cummings, Charlie Ortman, Judy Tomlinson. Markus Hauck).

Had dinner with Justin at Eagan's. Was terrifically impressed. I like his humor, his forthrightness. It's going to be a terrific two years. He's traveling a lot, doing some outdoor stuff with friends, some family stuff, he'll be in pocket with lots of one-on-one service in August. We will call on the transition team to read the book *In the Interim*. We should all buy it and read it by August.

**Minister's Report: Charlie**

I welcome the new members of the board. You are joining a group of people who have the greatest amount of responsibility in the congregation and handle that responsibility with humor and in other ways that serve us well. People come to this gathering with such good spirit. The work that is done is done well.

Ruth Chapin has died. She was a member for 50 years who moved to Portland several years ago.

Three people have signed the guest book. So that number continued to remain low. I would suggest that you discuss that at the retreat.

Nine new members joined, five weren't present and their pictures were projected on the screen. [see list at end of minutes].

I've been challenged by what to leave a fitting gift to the congregation when I go. The new gift will be the curtain for Fletcher Hall from Charlie and Judy Ortman.

Dennis Drew clarified: a medium density volour; very nice. I'll bring all the information to the next meeting.

### **Associate Minister's report: Judy**

RE in decent shape. We had a great retreat.

We will be adding one more covenant group: young parents.

Harvest the Power is actually over subscribed and we are figuring out what to do about that without turning anyone away. We will have a summer clean up of the Alliance Room.

### **Timing of things: Charlie**

Charlie will still our minister until June 30. He'll be away at GA and will come back to finish cleaning out his office, etc., and will be on call through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Judy will be away during July. Since there is no minister Judy will have the Associate removed for the month of July. Then in August Justin will be on board. There is no reason why we should need Charlie. On the 28<sup>th</sup> a guest speaker will be in the pulpit.

We added another service so his service did not end at the Flower Communion.

Charlie was featured in a Montclair Times; writer Christine Sparta did a phenomenal job. [link to article <http://www.northjersey.com/community-news/religion/happy-trails-for-ortman-as-he-begins-new-chapter-1.1350943>]

### **Chris: Treasurers Report**

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Some really good things:

For next Fiscal Year we have met our goal. We have \$425,00 and more coming in. I budgeted for \$425,000 and we might actually meet our more aspirational goal of \$430,000. Charlie emailed or called everybody who hadn't pledged. It worked wonderfully.

We no longer have a \$27,000 budget shortfall. The story is still our income is up and very good; but our expenses are up, and very bad. I'm projected that we will still end up \$25,000 under budget but that's not terrible because we have an \$18,000 surplus. Remember, we sort of put ourselves in this position. And we have added some one-time funded things. We don't need to replace the \$9,000 we need for the roof because it fits the criteria for the Capitol Campaign funds. But we also passed a resolution to look into a having a new capital campaign. John Carlton (who spoke in May to the Board) is going to make a recommendation of how to raise these funds.

Chris reviewed the year to date sheet for the new members.

May is a terrible month, a 3-paycheck month. We pay bi-weekly. So we get hit with an extra payroll: \$18,000. It's a mid-quarter month; a dead month to get pledges in. We're ahead over past years BUT our expenses in May were \$72,022. We may be a few thousand short and may have to use capital funds to pay for the roof. We have a \$26,000 deficit over last year. But our \$18,000 reserve fund will cover it.

This year our funds have been relatively lackluster, invested by the UUA. Slight gains.

Charlie: What I would want the incoming members to know (if that they don't) and the outgoing members to remember, Chris has been a phenomenal treasurer. His attention to detail is bar none. But much more than that and much more than that is Chris is UU deep in his heart and those values have really informed how he runs the treasury. The kind of leadership that he has expressed is rarely experienced.

Dottie made motion to accept treasurers report/Laura seconded/passed

Process observation: Chris

We were open to all comments; the wine helped.

**Orange Congregation: Sue**

They've decided to still think about it and study possible outcomes some more. So it's not gone.

Arlene made motion to adjourn/Chris seconded/passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.