

UUA Board Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting of December 15th, 2016

Attending: Jim Key, Christina Rivera, Denise Rimes, Lucia Santini-Field, Rob Eller-Isaacs

Staff: Peter Morales, Harlan Limpert, Tim Brennan, Mary Katherine Morn, John Hurley, Tacquina Boston

Of Counsel: Tom Bean

The meeting was convened at 8:00 pm eastern by Moderator Key. We began by hearing from President Morales who filled us in on his activities both pastoral and prophetic in the wake of the recent election. He emphasized his meeting with our interfaith partners and with the leadership of the UUMA as we prepare to step up to whatever human rights challenges may emerge as the new administration takes office.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to receive an interim progress report from the staff team responsible for working out the details of the October 2016 Board vote authorizing “in principle” making a \$5.3 million commitment to funding Black Lives Unitarian Universalist.

Following a brief personal check-in, UUA counsel, Tom Bean made a presentation on the “duty-of-care” dynamics inherent in the Board’s decision. UUA treasurer, Tim Brennan, then led us through the outlines of the funding proposal. In the discussion that followed a number of questions of interpretation were raised as to the particulars of the Board’s intentions. Moderator Key took responsibility for framing the questions for the Board’s January meeting in order to achieve the clarity staff needs in order to proceed.

After the funding presentation stewardship and development director, Mary Katherine Morn made a brief presentation on the plan to raise the necessary funds. The Board will be approached for their pledges to this campaign at the January meeting with an initial goal of \$50,000 to come from the Board.

Following the development conversation, communications director, John Hurley, sketched out the communications plan stressing the importance of the Board and the leadership of BLUU working together to craft the narrative.

The meeting ended at 9:45 eastern with expressions of appreciation for the good work of the staff team and a list of discussion points which will be brought to the full Board at its January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Eller-Isaacs

Secretary