

# ***Unitarian Society of Ridgewood***

## ***Board of Trustees Meeting: 6/05/17***

### ***Convened at 7:05 PM***

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**PRESENT: Willis, Duran, Krag, Nadler, McMurray, Nolan, Josefsberg, Rev. Tony**

1. Opening Words

*Life is Always Unfinished Business*

In the midst of the whirling day,  
In the hectic rush to be doing,  
In the frantic pace of life,  
Pause here for a moment.

Catch your breath;  
Relax your body;  
Loosen your grip on life.

Consider that our lives are always unfinished business;  
Imagine that the picture of our being is never complete;  
Allow your life to be a work in progress.

Do not hurry to mold the masterpiece;  
Do not rush to finish the picture;  
Do not be impatient to complete the drawing.  
From beckoning birth to dawning death we are in process,  
And always there is more to be done.

Do not let the incompleteness weigh on your spirit;  
Do not despair that imperfection marks your every day;  
Do not fear that we are still in the making.

Let us instead be grateful that the world is still to be created;  
Let us give thanks that we can be more than we are;  
Let us celebrate the power of the incomplete;  
For life is always unfinished business.

--- Richard S. Gilbert

2. Interim Minister's Report (See attached)

Noting his "last meeting," Rev. Tony praised the work of the USR staff for "taking on and caring for the congregation's mission." He spoke of the support that the new DRE will require. His final assessment is completed. As part of the transition, the minister's office needs to be "spruced up." Communication with Rev. Sara re: upcoming meeting dates is encouraged.

3. DRE Report (See attached) and Search Update

Lara reported that interviews are upcoming, with Bill Belknap doing the pre-screening of applications. As per the defined process, the Search Committee will recommend a finalist to the BOT. An initial one year contract will be offered.

4. Welcoming Committee Liaison

Jackie will serve as the BOT member on the Ministerial Welcoming Committee along with Don Campolo and Elyse Pleasic (from the Search Committee) and Delight Dodyk and Kris Hendrickson (from the Transition Committee)

5. Memo from Safe Congregation Response Team Re: Policy for Overnight Youth Group Events with CUC (See Attached)

Rob suggested that the BOTs from each congregation need to connect on this issue.

6. Summer Agenda

The BOT will meet on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM to discuss issues of concern including filling leadership positions (highest priority) esp. fundraising & facilities; and publicity. With respect to leadership, are there any position redundancies to consider?

The BOT will hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. Rev. Sara will be present

Adjournment: 8:10 PM

*B. Josefsberg*

6/11/17