

Board Update

Greetings from the Board of Trustees!

At our February meeting, Scott McCarthy was unanimously voted in as Board Secretary. He is filling the seat vacated by Noelia earlier this winter through the remainder of the church year and we're thrilled to have him join us! In addition, the board gladly approved of a two-year term on the Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) for Ken Olin.

The board also voted to sign to a letter that the Coalition to Abolish Death By Incarceration (CADBI) is circulating among faith communities. The letter expresses our belief in the right of each person to redemption, our opposition to incarcerating people for life, and our support for bills that CADBI is promoting to end this practice in Pennsylvania. It's exciting to support work that aligns with our deepest values! If you would like to learn more, please visit the Justice Table after service or contact Sonja Dahl (sonja035@gmail.com) or Martha Copithorne (mwcopi@gmail.com).

We continued our January conversation around developing a Mission-based budget for the 2019-2020 church year that will lead to a number of budget priorities to share with Business Administrator, Norman Fouhy, and the Finance Committee as they begin the work of drafting our budget for next year.

Finally, we are in the process of developing a Memorandum of Understanding with Friends of 2125 Chestnut Street to guide and shape our relationship over the coming years. The Board will continue to monitor this developing document. Our goal is to present it to the Congregation for a vote at our annual meeting in May and to that end, we expect to hold information and listening sessions with the congregation in April. More details to come as the timeline takes better shape.

Next Board Meeting is March 21st at 6:30 PM and is open to all members.

With warm regards, the Board of Trustees (Stephen Oliver, Rebecca Ortenberg, Matt Schreck, Debby Schultz, Annemarie Vaeni, Zinat Yufuszai)