

June 10, 2012 UUFCM Board Meeting 7:00 pm.

Present : Sarah Curry, Grace Rollins, Nana' Kratochvil, Valerie Stephens, Alan Jackson, Ricky Courlander, Gisela Moffit, Mary Alsager, Chris Nace

Chalice Lighting (Nana') – reading of the UUFCM Mission Statement

Welcome (Grace)

Consent Agenda (May meeting)-passed

Treasurer's Report (Alan) Contributions for the year – two Sundays left- \$70,600 to date contribution; \$71,980 was pledged. Expect to make that up and probably \$2,000 over pledged amt. Capital Campaign-\$17,761 to date, pledged was \$17,660; Plate collection to date \$1,518; Misc. Income to date –\$ 1,646; President's Discretionary fund - \$1,010; Capital Campaign: Total 3 year pledges - \$64,580, total collected- \$45,573, Remaining to Collect - \$19,000.

Total pledges for 2013 -\$ 75,560 compared to FY 2012 \$71980.

It was agreed that if board members want to know about the contributions made by the people they contacted, check with Alan individually.

Minister's report (Nana'') – Discussed individual who is hospitalized in GR. **Travel expense** –Nana' said she would not put in for mileage for her first visit as it occurred before the board meeting. Gisela brought up that UU has a member in Lansing hospital and Traverse City hospital. Use of discretionary fund to reimburse Nana' brought up by Mary Alsager. **Possible policy to reimburse professional staff for travel expenses** – weekly for out-of-town patients and/or activate the UU church in another district. Alan related there is no place in the budget designated for travel reimbursement. Alan stated he's not comfortable with a blanket statement for reimbursement. Nana' stated the importance of establishing some sort of policy for now and in the future. Valerie- budget is currently too lean and encouraged a consideration in the budget for the future. Sarah recommended a special collection for reimbursement. Mary suggested bringing this up at the Fellowship Life meeting. Policy versus immediate need. Mary moves that Nana' be reimbursed for one month for once a week visit to GR to see a child of a UU member. Alan seconded. Discussion – none. Call to question: passed.

Worship Team report: Nana' indicated we have a new pulpit/**lectern** and storage units that need to be put together. Looking for volunteers. Mary will call Tina and have her set work days. Coverings for the west windows – explore ways to cover the windows. Scheduled a worship team retreat at Nana's residence on July 18. Last meeting was yesterday with Guy as a member. Chris Bailey will be coming on board.

RE committee report – None this month

Social action report (Valerie) Human Rights Ordinance –meeting to be held at City Hall June 11th. Encouraged people to come. Meeting June 11th with Kevin Cotter 9:00 am room 225 at the County

Bldg. Encouraged people to wear red to show continuity.

Membership committee report (Gisela): Another ingathering because people couldn't make the class in April. Next one is June 24. Will have the ingatherings four times a year. Not sure about when the Path classes will be held but she hopes to have four a year. Regarding growth, Guy has requested fliers be placed around town and Valerie shared copies.

Old Business: Annual Congregational meeting (Grace). Notes received by board members. **Bldg sign** – get it done asap and hang it later. If Folzt Sign has not responded by the end of the next week, Chris will contact another company. Bob may not get the siding hung until the weather cools off; landscaping, etc., Gisela is checking to see who's responsible in the city; **fire safety** – Mary had called Tina about it but hasn't spoken to her since. She will follow up. **Grounds/clean-up** – Valerie noticed flowers have been planted, Gisela shared concern about the back of the property. Tom will probably plant more flowers. **GA** – no one is planning to attend this year. Nana' related there will be off-site sessions for two voting delegates from UUFCM. There are 7 plenary sessions. Program is on line and any member can view them June 21-23. Specific times are noted on line. Can bring it up at the Fellowship meeting. Grace has the power to appoint two delegates for the GA – brought up by Alan. **Regarding Dawn's presence for next year.** She will begin Seminary soon and is feeling overwhelmed. She needs help with the phone while in Seminary. Consider dedicating a different line then will not reimburse her for the use of her line. CMS is the current carrier for our internet. Gisela shared they have call forwarding if no one is available to answer the phone in the building. Phone line was \$29.00 as of a year ago. She will check on new rates. Nana's suggested we take advantage of new technology with any new system installed. Sarah will check on Google voice. Concerns brought up about having any calls being directed to the right person. Defer to members at Fellowship Life meeting for discussing Dawn's transition and where she needs help.

New Business: Deferred the Board Tickler calendar; Discussed the RE Director having to find volunteers to teach on Sundays and that they will miss out on service. Vicki, via Grace, suggested that part of the job description should include the RE Director teaching on Sundays. Consistency is important for the kids. A need to compensate accordingly/change job description. Hope to hire this person asap – at least by late August; **Arms Around** – Ricky said she would like to have a co-chair, Grace will appoint someone. Sarah suggested a request for this volunteer be included in Sunday program inserts. **Board Handbook** – deferred for Norma's presence; **MIPP sponsorship** – deferred; **Lift contract** – Tina was to get an estimate. Lift only inspection \$110.00 semi-annually. This person contracts with over 200 other churches in Michigan. Motion by Mary to accept the contract for elevator service, Seconded by Valerie. No discussion, motion passed; **Rental policy-** *Gisela presented the updated rental forms (Policies of Building Use, Fee schedule).* The Board clarified the status of non-profit organizations as non-UUFCM members for the fee schedule. Long term use will continue to be decided on a case by case basis (documents are attached). **Chalice lighter grant availability** – (add on) ie. produce a youtube program. Grace recommends we ask for \$1,000 small grant. Chris moves, Valerie seconded. All in favor – passed. **New board member installation-** August 12, 2013.

Next Board Meeting July 8, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment 9:20pm