

UUFCM Board Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2017

UUFCM Board Covenant

As members of the UUFCM Board of Trustees, we covenant to keep the best interests of the congregation at heart and to carry out the trust placed in us as guardians of the Mission and the Principles and as stewards of the resources of our church. We commit to:

- Be prompt, prepared, present, and to participate.
- Communicate respectfully; all will be heard and we will seek consensus.
- Use discretion in communications beyond the Board.
- Support the decisions and policies of the Board.

UUFCM Mission Statement: To be a religious community guided by love transforming our lives and our world.

PRESENT: Laura McBride, Norma Bailey, Chris Bailey, Vicki Chessin, Scott Daigle, Janis Shinn, Brigitte Bechtold, Annette Pratt, (and Dawn Daniels via phone)

1. Chalice Lighting-Laura read from Sunbeams: by George Bernard Shaw, "The harder I work the more I live" at 6:38 PM
2. Welcome and check in
3. Consent Agenda- No action required – All minutes approved
 - a. Minutes of December 11, 2016 Board meeting-rec'd
 - b. Treasurer Report-rec'd
 - c. Social Justice Coordinating Team Report- rec'd
 - d. RE Team Report- rec'd
 - e. Minister's Report- rec'd
 - f. Worship Team Report- no meeting this month
 - g. Congregational Life Ministry Team Report- rec'd
4. Discussion Agenda-
 - a. New business:
 - i. Treasurer's Time-Chris reported our checking account currently shows there is a \$4800 positive balance for the year. Comments: We have not yet moved the money planned to begin the endowment. The bylaws need to be amended first at the annual meeting in May. The Black Lives Matters banner was expensed as a Social Justice line item. The new video monitor was expensed to Maintenance and Improvements. We show an income of \$90 attributed to the Meijer rewards program. Norma will find out how that works. Janis will investigate a possible reward program with purchases on Amazon.
Remarks: CAMFED = \$151.00 "passed through." One collection earlier this year for the Minister's discretionary fund raised additional funds but at present only \$60 remain. There was the intention that we have one special collection each month but we have had less. We need another special offering soon. We also have not done our annual plate collection for MUUSJN yet this year. Discussion regarding establishing a schedule for a special plate collection at least once a month for which people can plan.

Norma will have the Social Justice Coordinating Team propose a plan to the Worship Team. Adult RE books have been purchased and expensed under "Other Supplies" and are credited as they are sold. Future purchases will be through Amazon since the local bookstore has closed.

- ii. Budget Proposal-Chris reviewed the numbers from the Finance Committee and the Board supports the proposed Budget be presented to the congregation.
- iii. Dawn's evaluation-Scott forwarded a sample of the prior blank evaluation form to Laura. She will circulate it and then pull the results together. Laura will meet with Dawn with the feedback before the next Board meeting.

5. Old business-

- a. Stewardship Timeline and Plans-Annette- Presentation of the proposed Budget to the congregation will be during the Fellowship Life meeting following worship on Feb 19 – The Cabaret will "kick off" the Stewardship Drive on Feb 18 at 7PM - The first mailing containing the proposed budget numbers goes to the congregation on Feb 20 and the second mailing containing the pledge sheets goes out March 17 – There will be 8 testimonials during worship -2 each Sunday for 4 Sundays then "Commitment Sunday" will be March 26. In April, follow up phone calls will be placed to members who have not yet submitted a pledge. Then a final number from the Stewardship Drive will be used to adjust the proposed budget, if necessary, prior to the Annual Meeting at which the congregation approves the 2017-2018 budget.
- b. Turning Point discussion-Dawn briefly led a discussion of pages 55- 128 and encourages all Board members to read these if they haven't already. Dawn will offer a description of what a limited "small group ministry" might look like to the Congregational Life Team.
- c. Technology- Scott reported there was a "provisioning problem" = our modem was not "pinging" because there was an old fashioned filter that has since been removed by Chip, our computer technician. The second problem: our video is not compatible with an Apple computer, however, Dawn's computer is a PC and will work. We still need a specific cable for some computers to work. Our Wi-Fi Booster device works well. Several people need to be trained in the use of our new video monitor and we still need one more portable monitor for use in rooms other than the sanctuary.
- d. Bylaw changes-Chris & Scott – pending.
- e. Norma reported the Social Justice section of our Website is now current.

6. Updates/Announcements-

- a. Board tickler for January & February: Chris asked that the future ticklers state "Treasurer ensures that W2 and 1099 are sent to employees and contractors in January". The Membership Co-leader (Gisela) informed the treasurer of the membership count. Gisela is also currently working on newly updated directory of members and friends. Tax statements are

due to members regarding their donations in 2016 for tax purposes. Each team liaison will remind team chairs that their statement for the Annual Report is due in April. Formulation of the Nominating Team is due now to begin to work to fill the upcoming open positions which are to be voted upon at the next Annual Meeting. This year open positions will be Secretary (2 years), President-elect which leads to 1 year as President and a third year as Past President, a 2 year Trustee position and a 1 year Trustee position.

Teams need to update their relevant content on the UUFCM web site.

- b. Recruit attendees to GA and Mid America Region meeting.
 - 1. Mid-America Regional Assembly: April 28-30 in Chicago, IL area
 - 2. UUA GA: June 21-25 in New Orleans, LA
- c. Fellowship Life meeting on Jan. 22: hymnal presentation-Annette, first proposed budget hearing, Remind everyone of the upcoming Retreat regarding deepening our understanding of Transgender people and issues. Share dates for Regional and UUA GA meetings.
- d. Dawn asked for ideas about how to increase participation in our Adult RE book groups – she may invite the Mt Pleasant Area Diversity Group and the Interfaith Group. May add food to the book discussion. Perhaps incorporated the book into a service. In the past the Social Justice Coordinating Team has suggested using the fifth Sundays when they occur for Social Justice Issues / perhaps that could build around the common read to increase participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Next board meeting is February 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the UU Center
Outstanding issues for Feb:

- 1. Year-Round Stewardship Discussion,
- 2. Social media in-service update – including Kevin Daum

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Chessin, secretary.