

UUFCM Board of Trustees Meeting
September 10, 2017
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PRESENT: Mary Alsager, Chris Bailey, Laura Bailey, Dawn Daniels, Joyce Henricks Laura McBride, Ethan Kolek, Janis Shinn, Brigitte Bechtold (recording)

The meeting came to order at 6:34 pm

1. Chalice Lighting
2. Welcome and check in
3. Consent Agenda- no action needed - approved as presented
 - a. Minutes of August 20, 2017 Board meeting-rec'd
 - b. Treasurer Report-see below
 - 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-
New business:
 - a. Treasurer's Time
Chris will present the end of the year report to the membership at the Fellowship Life meeting next week.
Two new RE employees will start next Sunday. We need written contracts. Norma will follow up and see to it that there will be a sheet that shows days and hours once a month.
 - b. Discussion of results of retreat – short term and five pages (Norma)
We now have the five goals, i.e. the soon, intermediate and longer-term goals
It was agreed that we will wait to take up the intermediate items, including a planned retreat in January.
 - c. Ministerial plan-Dawn
Dawn informed the board of her decision to withdraw from the seminary program. She will continue to have learnings with the seminary program. The Board will engage the congregation in a conversation about their wishes for the qualifications of a minister at the January retreat.
 - d. Restructuring Worship Team-Norma
We have not had a worship team for a while, but we do have a lay service planning group. We decided to do an annual review of the worship activities and get congregational feedback regarding the worship experience; this review was added to the Board tickler for January.
 - e. Adult RE-Norma
Since the Social Justice Coordinating Team wanted to be involved in the social justice area, adult RE was moved to the SJC team. The focus will remain on racial justice, and Dawn will share the titles of four suggested books with the SJ team.
 - f. Small group ministry-Dawn
Consensus that this is important in growing a congregation. Laura has already volunteered to assist in this endeavor, and a plan will be made that includes buy-in from the congregation.
5. Old business:
 - a. Contract for DRE – please add to handbook

Has been written and approved by Anna. The 60-day notice was changed to a 30-day at Anna's request.

- b. Building and Liability Insurance-Chris
 - i. Chris will into this for October's meeting.
- c. Bids for porch renovation and door-Norma
 - i. We have a bid for \$4550 for the porch from Hoffman. We are still waiting on two more bids. There was discussion regarding whether or not to automatically accept the lowest bid. No decision was made as we will base our decision on the bids.

There was discussion about the need for a building team; Joyce's architect daughter would be willing to serve on the team.

We still are in need of a bid for the Wisconsin Street door. Norma will check to see if the Hoffman bid included a door.

- d. Wifi and Ethernet in the sanctuary-Dawn
 - i. Aaron and his coworker are working on getting this project completed, hopefully within the week.
- e. Endowment fund status-Chris
 - i. Chris reported that they received and accepted the paperwork and that the check has been sent. The account has been set up.
- f. Team reviews of website sections
 - i. CMLT will do it next month. SJC will do it before their next meeting.

6. Updates/Announcements-

- a. Harvest Feast – Library Annex, work team, etc.
 - i. Library annex has been reserved for November 19. The CMLT will set up a work team and get going on this.
- b. Board tickler for September & October: Tickler was reviewed
- c. Plan Fellowship Life meeting for September – end of year budget summary (Chris), books to outgoing Board members, New Year's Eve party, Social Justice survey.
- d. Reminder – next Board meeting, Sunday, October 8

Moved to adjourn Mary/Laura: 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brigitte Bechtold, Secretary