

UUFCM Board of Trustees Agenda
September 9, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Mary Alsager, Brigitte Bechtold (recording), Dawn Daniels, Aaron Jones, Carol Rard, Terrie Robbie, Janis Shinn

Not present: Carolyn Hancock

Meeting came to order at 6:40 pm

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.

1. Chalice Lighting
2. Welcome and check in

3. Consent Agenda-

- a. Minutes of August 10, 2018 Board meeting
Several amendments were made and Norma Bailey will send the corrections to Brigitte
Additional correction: MI Dept of Ed social studies standards
Minutes approved with amendments
- b. Treasurer Report-see below
received
- c. Social Justice Coordinating Team Report- rec
- d. RE Team Report- rec
- e. Minister's Report- rec
- f. Coordinating Team - rec
Norma: there is a piece of information that will affect an agenda item.

All reports b-f accepted as is.

4. Discussion Agenda-

A. New business:

1. Treasurer's time - Terrie Robbie
Treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by Terrie Robbie
Moved (Norma/Aaron) to approve that the Treasurer purchase Quicken or another program to facilitate the Treasurer's task. **Approved.**
Norma will check with Chris about GPS lawn care.
2. Review of Board handbook -Mary
3. Safety report
 - a. Mary, Door bids: MPFSD - 773-7892, Gilboes - not bidding, Dan? We think it will be a 3-bid issue.
 - b. Safety Committee Recommendations - Mary
The board went through the recommendations. Consensus that locking doors 15 minutes after the service begins is a good procedure. The possibility of a steel door at the top

of the inside steps was discussed. The various questions that came up will be brought to Glenn and the safety team, so that they can come back with a more fleshed-out proposal.

4. Memorial Tree - Norma, dedication

The tree is up. We will add dates to the leaves: birth and passing date. We also need a plaque telling when it was dedicated. Gisela may be willing to do this. If there is not enough room for birth and death, maybe we can get bigger leaves.

The designer of the tree as well as the family of Jean Daab will be invited to the dedication.

Danielle's mother will be invited too. Other families can be notified and invited as well.

A picture of the tree can be put on the screen during the service for the dedication. A live webcast would be made for people in the family who may not be able to come.

B. Old business:

1. Important documents storage-Norma

Norma is still working on this

2. Wesley Center proposal - Dawn

Dawn: I discussed with Charlie some suggestions about how we could proceed with the young adult ministry program on campus. s. Dinner is at 6.

3. Web site updates - Everyone who is associated with a team should look at them again.

Norma made a few changes in relation to RE. Carol suggested that board members take their laptops to the next meeting and do it there.

4. List of vendors

Norma is still trying to finalize this with Kris Los and then get it to Kiersten and place it in a format that works.

C. Annual Ministry Goals

Results of Board Retreat - Dawn

3 Goals: Facilitate Continued and Expanded Visioning Process, Create Effective Out-Reach Plan, Develop Programming Plan to Foster Deepening Involvement

Norma proposed that for the next three board meetings, we work on one of these goals and make a plan for implementation. Norma: As a board, we should work on the second and third goal: effective outreach, and programming.

Dawn is willing to take responsibility for the visioning goal as a preparation for the January retreat.

5. Updates/Announcements-

a. UUSC letter thanking us for donations and awarding us a "Vision of Justice Banner Society Award" for 2018. This means we had 50 - 74% of our members join UUSC.

b. Board tickler for September & October

i. Additional topics: additional safety decisions: code and weapons. Introduce those who will be on the safety team and the watcher group. The SJ team will explain the special collection

c. A thank you letter from Ana was read to the board.

The UUFCM received two certificates of recognition, which are displayed in the Fellowship Hall.

d. Fellowship Life meeting for September 16 - Safety Report, Explanation of Receipts for Special Collections, End of year budget summary

e. Reminder – next Board meeting October 14

6. Other: Dawn gifted a book to each board member: *Serving with Grace* by Erik Walker Wikstrom
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigitte Bechtold, Secretary

