

Spinters from the Board
Meeting: May 12, 2013
7:00 p.m. At the UU Center

UUFCM Covenant
UUFCM Mission Statement

Present: Norma Bailey, Vicki Chessin, Ricky Courlander, Gisela Moffit, Chris Nace, Grace Rollins, and Rev. Dr. Nana' Kratochvil

Reading by Nana' with the chalice lighted. Welcome by Grace and check in.

1. Consent agenda – Minutes of March 10, March 19 and April 14 meetings approved with corrections.
2. Updates- A) Cost & Mechanism of “Time Out” in Morning Sun (Chris) contacted the person who handles this and the “Time Out” section is only for “entertainment”. Newspaper and radio have not put info out about upcoming forum on Thursday May 16 at 6:30 regarding the Affordable Care Act. Board members are encouraged to use their contact lists on their Facebook pages.
B) Policy for continuous membership -Update handbook (Definitions of Members and friends p. 3) (Gisela) and new tickler sheets (Norma) will be provided at the next board meeting,
C) Affordable Care act Speaker (Chris) see above,
D) Nana' did inform Kathy Harrington (Nana) of our present plans.
E) Sanctuary sound system (Vicki) New speaker coming soon.
F) Employee Evaluations (Grace) are partially done – completed with Dawn with no issues and in the process of feedback to and from the other staff,
G) Quarterly Pledge Summaries have been handed out by Ricky with just a few left to mail.
3. Minister's Report (Nana') - Nana' has been advocating by word of mouth for us with the UUA and interested ministers.
4. Worship Team report (Vicki) – A) Dawn has left for her intensive with plans made for the rest of May. Tentative plans are being formulated for July to include Freedom theme for July 7, following Sunday formed around a report from the GA, then a picnic summer celebration, and one guest minister. We are hoping to schedule Rev. Dr. Brent Smith in July.
B) Dawn will spend time in June sharing her resources, establishing 3 teams to provide lay-led services every 4 months each and training lay worship leaders.
C) Sanctuary speaker has been paid for and ordered. Installation as soon as it arrives and there will yet be another attempt to correct the problem syncing the hand-held mic to the system.
5. Treasurer's report (Ricky) – attached April report of changes: Current bank balance = \$36,026.63 and Equity Fund savings = \$33,647.40. The changes coming in July will make the number of expenses, line items and tax consequences for a full time minister more complicated. Our accountant will be asked to advise the Treasurer and the Finance Committee on setting up a book keeping system now that will accommodate the greater details to come. Ricky will contact the accountant and convene the Finance Team.
6. RE committee report (Sarah) – No meeting in the last month.
7. Social action report (Norma)- no report
8. Membership committee report (Gisela) – Next Path to Membership class will be Sunday, May 19 at 2 PM. Changes in membership include: Codi Brown has moved to Midland. Steve Lifson will be going to Midland. There are several other members who have not made a pledge and may not make one, resulting in their status changing from member to friend. This

does not need to be clarified until the next time a member count is done for our "Fair Share" calculation before February 1, 2014.

9. Miscellaneous Reports:

A) Social Fun – No report

B) Building Manager – Annual Report – Tina requests we pay for a service contract twice a year for the furnace and air conditioning unit. This will be decided in conjunction with the installation of new equipment.

C.) Publicity – Norma let Kirsten know we need an announcement in every E news about the upcoming service and the specific topic when available as well as the Web Site and Morning Sun. Mary Alsager collects individuals' donations to our PBS radio station and contracts for yearlong announcements in the fall.

D) Communication Task force- no report (Susan Powers is our only remaining member and has been very busy serving on the Interim Task Force.)

E) Interim Task Force- (Vicki) attached Email report sent previously and updated. The interviewing of three ministers proceeds, one last Friday, one next Monday and one next Wednesday with an offer to go out noon on Friday. Two handouts were provided to show a sample contract for an interim minister as well as the description of a Transition Team. The board has tentatively asked Norma Bailey to take the lead on the Transition Team and suggestd members of the congregation to approach. The UUA suggests long time members to provide the "brain trust" to the minister and assist in communication with the congregation who are not on or related to someone on the board. The Board members will use Fellowship Life Meetings, written communication in Enews and Facebook the Worship Service we provide after GA to help the congregation understand the special opportunity that an Interim minister provides and lay the ground work to embrace the coming changes.

F) Caring Committee – Norma will go over how this works with Mary Alsager.

12 Old business – A) Stewardship Drive (Norma) – results of the drive and other sources of projected income resulted in the board providing final approval of a revised Budget for 2013-14 to be presented to the congregation tonight via Email and voted on at the annual meeting next Sunday.

B) General Assembly Delegate credentials & Absentee ballots – done (Grace) Grace has completed the paperwork. Vicki and Laura McBride will be the voting delegates. A total of four people are going (Laura, Vicki, Norma and Gisela). More are welcome. (June 19 -23, 2013)

C) Annual Report is complete and ready for the publisher. Besides the reports from staff and committees chairs, it includes the agenda for the annual meeting, proposed budget for 2013-14 as well as the mission statement. Norma will order 60 copies from the printer.

D) Furnace & Air conditioning quotes (Gisela) will be working on with Tina on this.

E) Website updates (Gisela) done. Gisela updated everything she could and contacted the individuals who need to update their parts. Big changes will be needed July 1 when everything that refers to Dawn or Nana' will need to be different,

F) Visiting Minister for July (Vicki) – see Worship Team report above.

13. New business – A) Coverage for Kirsten's July absence (Gisela) Vicki will work with Dawn in June and use Kirsten's templates to keep the Order of Service the same through July.

B) Annual Meeting (all) May 19 following worship service: Approve the agenda, approve the Budget, vote for new board members , recognize all volunteer groups and 3 "unsung heroes," then acknowledge the Interim Task Force members and make announcement if appropriate of Interim Minister.

C) Board Tickler (Grace) reviewed: Grace will invite the new board members to the June meeting.

D) Repair and renovation list for UU Building (all) Chris Bailey and Norma plan to remove the leaves from the roof so Tina can have the roof inspected and repaired. Need to ask Tina to explore another option for the door to the restroom at the bottom of the stairs. Still need a coat rack.

E) Plans discussed for Nana's Celebration – June 9 at the end of service (all)

- F) Plan discussed for Dawn's Celebration – June 30 at the end of service (all
- G) Safety Planning Webinar, (Grace / deferred),
- H) Membership Webinar (Gisela / deferred),
- I) Weapons in places of Worship (all / deferred

14. Adjourned at 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Chessin, Secretary

Next meeting June 9 at 7 PM at UU Center.