

Splinters from the Board
August 10, 2014 at 6:33 p.m.

UUFCM Covenant

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Present: Vicki Chessin, Scott Daigle, Capalene Howse, Dave MacLeod, Laura McBride, Gisela Moffit, Jennifer Prout, and Minister Dawn Daniels

1. Chalice (Dawn) – “Wake up! Daily Lessons for a more Liberated and Loving Life”.by Tom Owen-Towle “Faith is more Verb than Noun.”
2. Welcome and check in (Laura) –We reported to Scott important points and highlights from our Retreat.
3. Consent Agenda – Minutes of July 13, 2014 Board meeting – approved
Minister’s Report (Dawn) none - begins in September. RE
Committee Report – rec’d
Worship Team Report – 2 reported in July and no new report/next Meeting 8/13
Treasurer report (David) rec’d 2013-14 Annual Treasurer’s Report
Transition Team’s Report rec’d
Membership Committee Report rec’d
Social Justice Action Report rec’d
Miscellaneous Reports
 - a. Social Fun (Laura) rec’d
 - b. Building Manager (Hank/ Kris) –rec’d
 - c. Publicity & Communication -
 - d. Communication Task force -
 - e. Caring Committee - rec’d
4. Discussion Agenda:
New business:
 1. Dawn’s role and responsibilities. Dawn asked what the board’s priorities might be. She has a “shared ministry focus” The board indicated responsibilities in order of importance:
 - a. Quality Worship is first priority!
 - b. Pastoral Care and assistance in developing fully formed “Lay pastoral care”
 - c. Advise and inform the activities of our Board, Teams and Ad hoc task-forces as we govern and minister, including the Board, RE team, Worship Team, Social Justice Team and build the Congregational Life Team further. Assist Hospitality with her presence before and after worship services and participate in the Path to Membership class.
 - d. Represent us to the larger community: Limited support for the Interfaith Minister’s Group, Write an article for the home page of our web site/Facebook presence, join us and represent us with a social justice presence when her schedule allows
 2. Liaisons for 2014-15:

Liaison responsibilities include going to the meetings when possible, participate, but with no vote, and keep the communication open between the committee and the board. Remind the chair of the committee to provide a written report of activities, plans, needs and items for action by the Board. The monthly report is to be emailed to all members of the Board by the Friday before the Sunday Board meeting to be added to the consent agenda if there are no items for action.

- a. RE Team liaison – Scott Daigle
 - b. Worship Team – Annette Pratt, Vicki Chessin will continue as a working member of the Worship Team.
 - c. Social Justice Team – Jen Pratt and Capalene Howse
 - d. Transition Team, - open? (Possibly Dawn?)
 - e. Congregational Life Team – Gisela Moffit.
3. Role of TT – they have enormous interest and energy in moving into other roles.
 - a. Board needs to be clear on what we want and what they should be doing.
 - b. Some of the Transition Team may want to support and serve on the Social Justice Team Some members should be involved in the Growth Through Service initiative as they are committed to developing leadership.
 - c. Jim Dealing has interest in working with Adult RE.
 - d. Plan a Meeting jointly with the TT and the Board.
 4. Growth Through Service Initiative (Gisela)- address at next Board Meeting
 5. Governance Structure: address further at next Board Meeting the concepts of Social Justice and Congregational Life Coordinating Teams, and the proposed volunteer position of Office Manager.

Old Business: Not today!

8. Updates/ Announcements:

1. Board tickler for August 10, 2014
 - a. Board Liaisons need to encourage their Teams to define goals and plans for the coming year.
 - b. New hand books – done and distributed to the Board.
 - c. Rental manager: procedure needs to be written down for future persons serving in this role. It includes awareness and compliance with our policies and contracts, but also showing the building to interested parties, getting deposits, opening up for the event and after an event is satisfactorily complete, returning the security deposit. Gisela will remain in this role this year.
 - d. Our Bylaws say the Board votes to end membership, but in many cases it is obvious, like deaths, distant moves, etc. Gisela has sent the required inquiries to individuals who have not made their intentions clear regarding their desire to remain members this year. Of the 7-8 letters sent, only 3 have responded thus far. February is when we file our membership numbers with the UUA and pay our Fair Share so we need to know by no later than January.
- e. Calendar for upcoming social justice events happening at CMU needs to be placed in the E-news. Kirsten does this regularly.
2. Fellowship Life meeting plans:
 - a. August will be after service on August 17 and include:
 1. congregational vote for Co-Treasurer (Chris Bailey) to be on file with the bank
 2. An opportunity for people to get to know Dawn...

3. A Strategic Planning Workshop is being planned by Midland UU and we are invited to participate for FREE! October 25, 2014. They have asked if we could host the event given our more central location in the state. We are willing to do so, but have no budget to provide food and ask they take responsibility for expenses that may occur.

4. Update on directory (Gisela) - done

5. New Board Policies will be tracked by Laura and Annette this year.

Gisela shared: Father Wayne of the Episcopal Church is back from a pilgrimage to New Mexico and is very well informed on immigration issues. He is willing to share this with us.

Meeting was Adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting will be at 6:30pm on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at the UU Center.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Chessin, secretary