

UUCSC Board Minutes – 9/20/2017 (Approved via email 9/24/17)

Present: Sally Barney, Elise Bender, President Linda Whyte Burrell, Leah Canin, Clerk Mary Fulton, Treasurer Steve Harrison, Natalie Herbermann, VP Emily Jacobs

Absent: Randi Marten

Call to Order/ Invocation 6:33

Check in

MOTION: Elise Bender moves to ratify the minutes for the August Board Meeting as approved by email. **Seconded. Passed unanimously.**

MOTION: Sally Barney moves to ratify the e-vote of 9/11/17. **Seconded. Passed unanimously.**

E-vote 9/11/17 MOTION: President Linda Whyte Burrell moves to approve David Floyd's request to advertise one final MLP concert with all proceeds going to hurricane relief, and the usual \$250 donation to UUCSC also going to the relief fund. **Seconded. Passed: Six votes yes, one abstention, two not voted. The majority of six carried the vote.**

Monthly Reports:

Treasurer's report: Printed copy on file with the Board clerk.

The past fiscal year has been closed and a report sent to our mortgage holder. The principal balance on the mortgage is now \$375,559.01. Steve Harrison is resigning as treasurer due to his plans to move. The Finance committee will take over many of his responsibilities with Aline Couture being the primary contact.

Minister's report: Printed copy on file with the Board clerk.

The fall return to full church services is going well in spite of great pastoral care needs. Office administrator, Karen St. Peter, is taking on more financial duties and may need to add more hours to her schedule. A new Director of Religious Education (DRE) has been hired.

Liaison's reports:

Emily Jacobs was complimented for the efficient leadership of the last Coordinating Council meeting.

Sally Barney reports that Sarah Bell is seeking more help with the Wellness Team

Elise Bender reported the Communications committee had its first meeting last week.

Mary Fulton said the Membership committee has worked on revisions to the How Do I? manual.

Steve Harrison reported that the Finance and Personnel committee will be working more closely together and reminded the board that Dave Ruede of Stewardship would like to address the Board.

Leah Canin reported that Facilities is well organized but needs more committee members and volunteers.

Old Business:

1. **Thank you celebration at MLP:** Natalie Herbermann is chairing the efforts to thank David Floyd for his many years of effort directing Music at Lily Pads.
2. **Welcome House picnic:** Due to poor weather the picnic did not take place.
3. **Fire drill update:** The fire drill is scheduled for Oct. 22. A rain date will be determined.
4. **Committee on Ministry formation:** Current members of this committee are Jean Bowen, Penny Hall, Mike Henry and Peter Migliaccio. The committee is functioning well but the configuration does not conform to the bylaws.

MOTION: President Linda Whyte Burrell moves to accept the Committee of Ministry as it is for one year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). Seconded. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

- 1. Absentee voting:** A sample absentee ballot from Houston was passed around for the board to peruse. Only officers could be voted on and the ballot was prepared to vote during a predictable yearly exodus of Houston members. At a future date, the Board will discuss the possibility of absentee voting at UUCSC.
- 2. Board Calendar creation:** At the next Board meeting every Board member will bring items to place on a planning calendar.
- 3. Future of treasurer's liaisons:** Aline Couture will report for the Finance committee, Emily Jacobs for Stewardship, Elise Bender for Fundraising and Mary Fulton for Personnel.
- 4. Member/friend designations:** A task force consisting of Rev. David, Emily Jacobs and Mary Fulton will produce a document that codifies what constitutes a friend and member.
- 5. Adult enrich:** Betsy Cook will no longer be planning programs specifically for Adult Enrichment. Sally Barney will prepare a list of other adult programs that are currently offered. Rev. David will plan to offer two teaching programs per year.
- 6. Board e-voting:** The process can be confusing due to email threading but is serviceable given how seldom it is necessary to have an unexpected vote.
- 7. Other business:** none

Next meeting 18Oct17 at 6:30.

Adjourned 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fulton, Clerk