

UUCSC BOARD MINUTES Sept. 20, 2018 (Approved via e-mail 9/27/2018)

Present: VP Mary Fulton; Clerk Linda Dupuis; Treasurer Mary Alice Kimball; Elise Bender; David Hurdis, Kai Migliaccio, Natalie Herbermann; Rev.DL Helfer

Absent: President Linda Whyte Burrell, Emily Jacobs

Guests: Betsy Dalton, Jean Bowen, Dave Ruede

Call to Order/Invocation 6:47 PM

MOTION: Mary Fulton moves to ratify the minutes for the August 2018 Board Meeting as approved by email. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

Treasurer's Report: Mary Alice Kimball. Printed copy on file with the Board clerk. Also submitted was the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual.

DRE Report: Bethany Vaccaro via e-mail. Printed copy on file with the Board clerk.

Due to a larger number of children attending RE this year, Bethany needs more volunteers to provide an optimal environment.

Office Administrator's Report: Karen St. Peter via e-mail. Printed copy on file with the Board clerk. Karen submitted a long list of tasks accomplished over the summer, and a list of "to-do" items for the immediate future.

Minister's Report: Rev. DL Helfer via e-mail. Printed copy on file with the Board Clerk.

Rev.DL would like to "lead us back to the work of spiritual deepening" and dealing with anxiety due to world events and changes in our lives. A new resource Soul Matters may help with that.

Rev. DL asked for the board's help in working towards supporting a more multigenerational congregation.

PRESENTATIONS:

1.Accessibility: Betsy Dalton and Jean Bowen discussed how we welcome people with disabilities; we are a welcoming congregation only if people are able to get in the door. Issues such as parking, signs to the ramp, and an automatic door were discussed; and other places where we fall short in providing for the disabled and elderly. A draft budget to install an electric door was provided. Faithify was discussed as a fundraising option. The board decided to

address the Faithify option at the next meeting. Printed documents provided by the committee on file with the Board Clerk.

MOTION: Mary Fulton moves to have the accessibility committee find money to install an automatic door opener at the handicap ramp within this fiscal year. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

2.Capital campaign: Dave Ruede gave a power point presentation of the information gathered at the cottage meetings.

>Top 4 concerns for the future: 1. Growth of the congregation and resulting building limitations. 2. Being debt-free with a balanced budget. 3. Greater community outreach. 4. Improved maintenance; part/full time Sexton.

> Campaign goal is \$500,000 which can be used to pay off the mortgage and address other pressing needs of the congregation.

>A consultant is coming on Oct. 4 to help put together a strategy for fundraising.

>Oct 14 will be a training session for canvassers; pledges will be solicited at small informal gatherings. Leadership will be canvassed first.

Printed documents provided by Dave Ruede on file with the board clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

***1. UUA Annual Program Fund** Linda WB received a return call from the office. We were an Honor Society at the 2018 General Assembly, which was recognizing the 2017 assessment. A thank you card from the UUA has been posted in the Oneto Room. The person with whom she spoke stated that she has no authority to adjust our new assessment. Linda WB will speak with her further.

***2. Art project:** Picture molding will be mounted in the hall in the library/Office hallway. So far Patience Peck and Linda WB have agreed to oversee this effort after enlisting one or two others to work with them. It is anticipated that the first art installation will be hung by the first of October.

*reported via email by Linda Whyte Burrell

3. Puerto Rico service trip: Rev.DL reported that he met with Steve Boisert, Director, Community Collaborations. Mr. Boisert feels that a larger group of volunteers is needed, suggested 30 people. The needs of the community in Puerto Rico were discussed; the board approved a plan for Rev.DL to reach out to other UU congregations for volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Fire Drill will be held after the service on Nov. 4; Mary Fulton will email those who may be affected to make them aware. Natalie Herbermann will plan the drill.

2. Thank you Soup Lunch: will be held on Nov. 18; Mary will email notes from 2 years ago to aid in planning.

3. Posting staff reports to UU website after accepted by Board of Directors:

MOTION: Mary Fulton moves that staff reports submitted to the Board of Directors be posted on the UUCSC website. The clerk shall send the reports to the webmaster for posting. **Seconded. Approved unanimously.**

4. Hospitality forum: a discussion took place of the need for refreshments after Sunday service and the lack of volunteers; Ellen Perkins has agreed to coordinate the coffee hour through September. The board approved a plan for an announcement to be posted in the OOS insert that if no one is willing to take over supervising the coffee hour then in October we will go to a "Social Hour" in which no beverages or food will be offered. At a future time, a forum will take place to discuss the need for volunteers for Hospitality and RE.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

The next Board meeting will be on October 17, 2018 at 6:45PM in the Oneto Room.

ADJOURNED: 8:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Dupuis