

UUCSC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Jan. 16, 2019 (Approved via e-mail 1/23/19)

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

Absent: President Linda Whyte Burrell

Call to Order/ Invocation: 6:45PM

MOTION: Elise Bender moves to ratify the minutes for the Dec. 12, 2018 Board Meeting as approved by email. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mary Alice Kimball. Printed copies are on file with the Board clerk.

Reports will be given to committee chairs so they will know budget status of their committee Reserves amount is up due to end-of-year increased payment of pledges. Music committee is already putting aside monies for future needs. The Holiday Fair brought in more than \$3000; amount is less than projected.

Staff Reports:

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

A note from Bethany who is on maternity leave.

Office Administrator’s Report: Karen St. Peter via e-mail. Printed copy on file with the Board Clerk.

Karen has been performing needed administrative tasks, as well as giving added support to Rev. DL.

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

Measures are needed to help integrate newcomers into the congregation. A new model for small group meetings has been suggested by Rev. DL.

Donations from the UUCSC congregation and Women’s Project for Rev. DL’s trip to assist at the El Paso border have reached more than \$1200.

Liaison Reports:

1. **Facilities:** David Hurdis

- Automatic door project: A Representative from the Lock Shop met with Jean Bowen and Dave Hurdis. The interior button for the door can be wireless so the location won’t be a problem. Coordination with the electrician is needed.
- The railing for the ramp in the sanctuary estimate is \$700; this project will probably be deferred to next year.
- A schedule for boiler maintenance is needed.
- A decision was made to use sand instead of salt for ice on the front steps.

2. **Lifespan RE:** Kai Migliaccio:

RE can look into expanding programs for older children.

3. **Membership:** Elise Bender:

- Sanctuary seating plan: Use of word “stage” is OK. Use signs on chairs for preferential seating. Some changes to the seating plan graphic were recommended; Elise will work on this.

- 26 invitations will be sent for meet and greet luncheon on Feb 3.
- At a future Sunday service, members will be recognized according to the number of years they have been members of our congregation. Membership committee will provide a cake at coffee hour; cost to come from their budget. Rev. DL will look into getting small stick-on labels to indicate # of membership years.

4. **Nominating committee:** Linda Dupuis:

Linda D. will get in touch with the committee to see if progress has been made to determine where vacancies will be on the Board of Directors this year.

Unfinished Business:

1. Facilities policy – Re: a group to be formed to assess the building for projected maintenance, repair and improvements. Peter Migliaccio will volunteer. Linda WB has asked three people. Kai will confirm with LWB, and will inform David Hurdis.
2. Faithify: Mary Alice reported that the Finance committee has recommended that we not sign up for Faithify at this time due to the upcoming Capital Campaign and advise not to undertake additional fundraising at this time. In an emergency the board could revisit and register then.
3. LGBTQ: Rev. DL reported that the first two events had no attendees. He will consider more advertising.
4. “Guest At Your Table” raised a good amount, an increase from last year; Mary will email Jeff Berry for instructions on the dispersal of the money to the appropriate UUA fund.

New Business:

1. BoD Retreat: Attendees will bring brownbag lunches. David H. will provide beverages; others said they will bring snacks.
2. Committee chairs: Many committee chairs have expressed a desire to step down. The committee model may need to be changed. Newer people in the congregation may be unaware of what each committee does. A suggestion was made to put a short description of a committee’s function in the OOS insert on Sunday; a different committee will be featured each Sunday. DL will work on this with Karen SP.
3. The Johnnycake center needs help with food donations; Rev. DL and Jean Bowen will ask the congregation to donate food.
4. The Board members agree to change the meeting time to 6:30PM.

Winter BoD retreat will be Saturday 1/19/19 from 8:30M until 1:00PM at Dave Hurdis’ home (76 Harbor Island Rd, Narragansett).

Next **Coordinating Council** meeting will be March 13, 2019 at 7PM in the Oneto Community Room.

Next **Board of Directors** meeting will be February 20, 2019 at **6:30 PM** in the Oneto Community Room.

Adjourned 8:16PM

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dupuis, Clerk