

Minutes of the UUFM Board Meeting

October 18, 2018

Members present: Barbara Witt, President; Felicia Wilburn, Vice-President; Mandy Goheen; John Patton, Secretary; Nordis Smith and Uschi Kling, Members at Large.

Ex-officio: Lynn Hopkins, Minister; Roger Burdette, Coordinator of Religious Education

Absent: Naomi Shackleford, Treasurer (out of town)

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all motions were passed unanimously.

Chalice lighting/Opening words

Meeting was called to order at 6:30. Opening words were from the UU website, "In our circle again" by Sharon Woodberry.

Selection of time keeper and process keeper

Roger Burdette was selected as the timekeeper. UK was selected as the process observer.

Check-in

Minutes of the Month Meeting

There were no minutes and they will be reviewed next month.

View from the pews

Announcements

- 1) BW expressed appreciation for the New Member's welcome reception. She would like to continue that, though under the auspices of the Membership Committee.
- 2) There is a webinar on the internet on membership on 11-7-2018 at 5:30 our time.
- 3) The keypad is dead. The security company can be here on the 22nd of October at 10:00. JP will meet them to let them in.
- 4) MG is set to go to Boston on 11-30 for the final stages of her ordination.

Reports

Minister

Lynn is liking the new service format, though there is resistance from the congregation in moving forward from the back pews.

She has been working on the new by-laws with RB and Christine. First draft should be finished within the next ten days.

There are issues with people contacting Lory about the CORE groups.

Lynn pointed out on her report a list of 6 issues in which she believes creates difficulty with members navigating the UUFM.

MG pointed out the problem of congestion around the entryway for Chalice Café. JP suggested moving the food table further into the room. BW also felt that people sitting at the round tables also creates barriers.

President

- 1) BW said we have to get people activated in the organization, specifically with the Membership Committee and with the infrastructure. Because of the lack of committee heads, the President and Minister are dealing with these issues.
- 2) HVAC is an issue.
- 3) The Legacy Society needs to be launched. She would like to have a New Year's Day party for the people that have enrolled in it.
- 4) Meg Hall is actively involved with the poinsettia sale fundraiser.

Treasurer

- 1) BW went over the treasurer's report as Naomi S was absent. She said that the pledges are not being paid as promised and that she is going to ask Naomi to check on what pledges are not being paid. Fortunately, the expenses have been down recently.
- 2) If the arts and crafts sale does not do well, we will be looking at another cash deficit.
- 3) FW said that her fundraiser would be the Monday after the A&C sale. She feels that her event has not been publicized enough within the UU, though it has appeared in the Beacon.

R.E.

- 1) RB expressed appreciation to the members that have been helping with RE, especially the Valentines. Ruth Deramus has also joined in to help.
- 2) They are considering a summer program
- 3) They have begun conducting background checks.
- 4) Attendance has been low in numbers, but is consistant.
- 5) MG is filling in for Roger to allow him some time off.

COCO Review of committee activities

New business

- 1) There are two bids for the issues of the HVAC and for maintenance. Previously, Ron had dealt with the system, and Heath Allen had dealt with what Ron could not. Unfortunately, Heath is residential, not commercial. The two companies are commercial. BW asked for a quote for fixing the heat pump and for the actuator. A separate quote was for quarterly maintenance. There was discussion about the quotes. They were similar, and each have advantages and disadvantages. BW suggested a meeting of the congregation to go over the issue. There was also discussion of mini-splits, similar to what is in the minister's office. JP moved that we present the congregation with the maintenance contract. UK seconded the motion. The HVAC issue will be dealt with at a later date.
- 2) The heat pump compressor is kaput. There are three bids. Comfort System bid is \$9600, AIS is \$9300, and Bill Bradley is \$8800. The alternative is not doing the replacement. There was discussion about how we would raise the money. It was decided to hold off a decision until later.
- 3) The actuator is the priority, as it deals with the sanctuary. The current fix is really a patch. Comfort System wants to send over a person to diagnose the problem at \$95 an hour. This money would come out of the Building and Grounds budget. This was approved.
- 4) The Leadership Dinner is 11-3. The Nominating Committee is making the dinner. Three members are representing the board: BW, LH, and FW.
- 5) Legacy Society has been covered in the President's Report.

Old business

- 1) There is still a need for volunteers. BW and LH had identified four categories and wanted people to head them. The following are the categories and suggested leaders: 1) Member Care and Support: Georgia; 2) Greeting (Getting greeters and following up on new members): Samantha Davis; 3) Hospitality and New Member Welcome: Janice Wood; 4) CORE and special group integration: Bob Hitchner.
- 2) First Wednesday Forums. JP will work with LH on this.
- 3) Arts and Crafts has previously been discussed.