

06/16/15

## UUCNH Board Meeting

Board Members in attendance:

Dennis Doubleday

Rachael Smart

Joyce Kepner

Ivan Baumwell

Randy Minnich

John Brobst

Bob Delaney

Ex Officio in attendance: Scott Rudolph, Ellen Saksen, Greta Porter

Dawn Lindsay

Absent: Mark Draa

### 1. Consent Agenda

- Minutes from 5/17 and 5/12 approved contingent upon reading (as given links do not work) - RS moves, BD second. Motion unanimous. DD please email out until better system devised
- Previous month's action items:
  - i. Kate Ishiyama is not member but we still support her going to delegation
  - ii. Process for covenant breaking still needs to be addressed
  - iii. Get firm date for parking lot work – Moreth – DD
  - iv. DD/SR talk to Chris about leading Threshold
  - v. RS hopes to address CAR leadership at retreat
  - vi. Governance- will focus on committee structure first (work with LDT) and propose way to make it more efficient is a first deliverable
  - vii. Greta – next step is redrafting safety policies – but is that an RE job or encompasses church and tenants too? RE committee chair to draft new safety policy changes and board will approve and decide who the policy applies to. Statement from Bellwood that they're following the law is necessary also.
  - viii. Board retreat still undecided – DD to close on date asap – ES send list of facilitators to SR/DD
- Little House Demolition – putting it off means not paying for it yet – and it doesn't cost anything as we turned the heat and water off – for now. A new proposal is to use as pavilion/storage but need to make sure this is desirable, cost-effective and structurally possible.
- RS – please add “recycling” to agenda for next meeting – right now its ad hoc and could be improved. Recycle bin onsite? More formal policy? Need to research township options – call Mauro - RS will put together info she has.

- Need plan for retreat on the agenda for July meeting - DD

RM motion to adjourn, JK 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.

Next meeting 7/14/15

| Action Item   | Responsible Party                       |
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| Email previous minutes from 5/12 and 5/17 for full approval   | DD                                      |
| Get firm date for parking lot work to begin   | DD                                      |
| Talk to Chris about leading Threshold   | SR/DD                                   |
| draft new safety policy changes and board will approve and decide who the policy applies to. Statement from Bellwood that they're following the law is necessary also | RE committee chair with help from Greta |
| Board retreat – nail down date and facilitator  | DD                                      |
| Look into recycle options that township offers  | RS                                      |
| Board retreat plan/agenda   | DD                                      |
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Post-meeting engagement notes:

- Consider making a primer for incoming new board members, complete with acronyms
- Board president to include a few sentences each month in newsletter about what board is working on
- Reaffirming that conflict is ok – brings out new ideas, so long as you respectfully engage and bring people back into covenant if they need it
- Pride in work but also have some fun
- Completed board calendar would be nice
- Get feedback from new people about what they see as challenges
- What would make the year fulfilling?
  - a strategic plan
  - knowledge of the big issues
  - a good board retreat experience
  - a new committee structure and viable B&G (time to consider paying someone?)
  - fix problems but be aspirational instead of always putting out fires
- Function and role of the board
  - Board is the last word, “buck stops here”
  - Theoretically it's to be strategic, address big issues, but it's difficult to do that when there is no hierarchy underneath the board to solve issues; everything bubbles up to the board and so we spend all our time putting out fires