

11/18/14

UUCNH Board Meeting

Board Members in attendance:

Mark Draa

Joyce Kepner

Ed Rockman

Rachael Smart

Dennis Doubleday

Bob Delaney

Lynn Richards

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

Randy Minnich

Absent: Kathy Gorka

1. Opening question – interesting conversations with members?

- 1st church staff does more, congregation does less – culture difference – UUCNH congregation likes to do more!
- Roofing conversation – seems we are doing the right thing
- With Pete – the vacuums need to be emptied, among other “behind the scenes” jobs
- Several examples of people being willing to say yes and do something when asked
- People always open to sharing
- Running into beloved old colleague – church was the reason
- Church meaningful to kids

2. Consent Agenda

- Last month’s minutes ok
- Lynn thanked Scott and Greta for vision and hard work
- No questions on financials
- Motion to approve DD, second LT, all in favor

3. Jeannette Anderson Bequest

- a. 75% of bequest received

Christmas Eve collection – can we use for “minister discretionary”? **Scott to make announcement in Intercom and before collection, remember to say the Childrens Memorial Fund is well-funded. **MD and RM to talk about better ways to find recipients for Children’s Fund.**

4. B&G Projects

- a. Moving forward with retrofitting doors, maintenance is easy, there will be automatic switch. Will it be both sets?? **SR to find out and check with donor about what he wants to fund.** No bids yet.
- b. Roof project moving ahead despite a few hiccups
- c. Little house – utilities off, no hurry to proceed on demo. Postpone til Spring. Since we are not selling, no congregational approval. Also its not real property – the land is – so also no congregational approval. Make sure its done when Bellwood NOT in session. Board bravo for Kurt.
- d. Chalice Lighter grant – a little more complicated – is parking lot the next project? LR to talk to Pete and Diana. Lynn trying to get grant written by Jan 1 with team.

5. Strategic Goals

- a. B&G - get list of outstanding items updated and get prices (making great progress though since bathroom done, roof in progress, and parking lot being discussed!)
 - b. Governance – met last week, agreed to ask Mark Bernstein to help, Renee says its fine. Next mtg early Dec, looking for 5th person.
 - c. **CAR – Rachael and Lynn met yesterday, have some docs for committee to review, others ready to go to office. Will add reapproval of LDT CAR doc. Lynn put together template for master lists, put on agenda for next month. **Rachael to send CARs to LYNNE so she can post it.****
 - d. Strategic Plan w/ Threshold – on track
 - e. Ongoing Board Duties – no updates – do Board Bravo for Rena Feingold/Richard Parobeck
 - f. Little House – see above – decision done
6. Committee chair search update – things continue to happen but lacking planning and execution – get group together to brainstorm action for needs. RS suggested “committee fair” on Sunday to get people signed up. **Put KG on task force.** RS says we need help for Katherine with gatekeeping duties – someone needs to be in place to communicate how-tos. Is there a checklist for renters? There needs to be! Look to hear from task force on next steps.
7. Jeanine Brobst - If Sunday Services committee thinks it is important, they can find a successor (for Pointsettias and Sunday flowers). **RS to take this issue to Sunday services.**
8. Board Eval of SR – MD attached a form – for reporting to UUA by 2/2015. Personnel committee will collate answers. **Fill out forms and send to Dennis NOW** or before next board mtg. **Dennis to send reminder before mtg.**

9. Threshold Committee recommendations – will put forth to congregation to gain awareness and get guidance to proceed. Discussion – still concern it’s more work than we can do – do we have enough volunteers? Can Greta look at other church programs to retain young members as they go to college. Make sure staff used to help vision, not create it. Proposal: close loop on the groups that we can move on now – like the Green Practices group – RS to keep us posted. And spend some time planning the others over time – Problem: these 4 ideas were the ones that needed board action to proceed, not the most important per se. Confusion about next steps – how to get these items into strategic plan. What are next steps, esp for board? We already know Sharon to help with Green Project, we are doing #4 by being involved in UU Cluster activities, Greta will look into youth retention on her sabbatical.

** why these four groups? What is overall goal? Nothing to do right now.

10. Cluster meeting for 2015 for 11/7/2015 at UUCNH - exciting! Motion to approve RM, DD second, all in favor.

8:35 motion to adjourn ER, 2nd JK, all in favor

Next meeting: 12/16/15

Action Item	Responsible Party
Scott to make announcement in Intercom and before collection, remember to say the Childrens Memorial Fund is well-funded	SR
MD and RM to talk about better ways to find recipients for Children’s Fund.	MD and RM
Re; automatic doors - find out and check with donor about what he wants to fund	SR
Rachael to send CARs to LYNNE so she can post it.	RS
Put KG on committee chair search task force	??
Fill out forms and send to Dennis NOW or before next board mtg. Dennis to send reminder before mtg.	DD
Successor for Sunday flowers/holiday pointsettias?	RS