

09/15/15

UUCNH Board Meeting

Board Members in attendance:

Dennis Doubleday

Ivan Baumwell

Bob Delaney

John Brobst

Dawn Lindsay

Joyce Kepner

Mark Draa

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

Rachael Smart

Absent: Randy Minnich

1. Consent Agenda

- MD approves, JB second, unanimous

2. Action Item Review

- Still lack date from Moreth, asked Lynne to apply pressure to get a date as we are running out of time. What is included in bid? So that we know when it is done? **DD to follow up with them directly**
- Committee fair for 9/20 – RS volunteered to setup tables, most committees seem to be planning something even though Ivan hasn't heard directly
- Connections team needs more people, hoping volunteer fair will help – can Lynne enter data collected (SR to ask), send to Ivan, Ivan can disseminate
- Still need to fill several leadership positions – compassionate service, helping hands, fundraising, coffee hour – hoping the committee fair will help here also. Are committees with no chairs going to be represented? At least need table! And sign-up sheet. And candy 😊.
- **DD** put forth plan for information management – looking for **feedback from Dawn and Joyce**
- **ES to make poster** of goals and who is responsible for next meeting
- Still waiting for summary info from threshold team – **SR to ping Chris**, encourage him to hold one more meeting to wrap it up
- Re: open volunteer positions – a visual (job board) to show what is available, then replicate on the website. Consider agile software board? Best way is still TO ASK SOMEONE.
- Governance board in process of defining terms

3. Congregational position on political matters

- What is appropriate for deciding what a congregational position is? Do we need a majority? If so, what is the number? Good news is that things are getting raised up but we are not prepared to deal with it
 - UUA voted that signs would go up as a matter of immediate witness, but how does that affect what UUCNH does? The board represents the congregation – we can ask congregation to talk with us about what they think is important. But board can vote on things as that is within our purview. Should be case by case – issues that are obvious we can feel free to move on, but on more divisive issues we should exercise caution and remember that there are probably congregants who have differing opinions. Use enews and Intercom to announce pending votes on issues to foster discussion. Board needs to approve anything that goes on church letterhead. But we will continue to see issues that require a stance, decisions, and communication with congregation. No info on website either.
 - i. Is the policy then that no political positions go out on church letterhead w/o approval of the board
 - ii. Board agreeing to vote on #blacklivesmatter - MD moves to affirm UUA position on #blacklivesmatter and authorize placement of signage on church property , RS second, unanimous
 - iii. Despite Bellwood concern, we need to be true to our own model – be considerate but move forward as we are a church first
4. Personnel committee decision on health benefits
 - Due to ACA, Scott healthcare no longer payable pretax, so difference will be reimbursed. Personnel committee considered covering Greta and Lynne also, decided to wait til after Spring congregational meeting and try to include in budget for next year and as ongoing line item. Are funding disability and life insurance for Greta and Lynne.
 5. Share the Plate – at October meeting there will be a share the plate plan presented. Bead-or-Life is previously approved for October. September plate to go to service fund for refugees through the UU Service Committee. IB moves to approve, DL second, unanimous
 6. Progress on Goals –previously discussed, DL to do survey, DD to have meeting with DL and JK before next meeting
 7. Greta safety policy revision– she is using it in draft form – may need to add something to rental policy about following safety guidelines, some kind of disclaimer – would we be liable if something happened on the property? All to review, and DD to put on the agenda for next time.

Adjourn JK motion, IB second, all in favor!

Next meeting: October 20 7:00 pm

Action Item	Responsible Party
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Followup with Moreth – what is happening and when, time is running out!	DD
Give DD feedback on information management plan on strategic goals	DL, JK
Make poster with 2015-2016 goals and put on wall for board meetings	ES
Get summary from threshold team and Chris, encourage one final meeting to close out project	SR
Add review of safety policy on agenda for next meeting	DD