

05/12/15

UUCNH Board Meeting

Board Members in attendance:

Mark Draa

Randy Minnich

Ed Rockman

Bob Delaney

Dennis Doubleday

Ivan Baumgarten - new

Lynn Richards

John Brobst - new

Joyce Kepner

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

Kathy Gorka

Absent: Rachael Smart

1. Opening question – last board mtg of the year – welcome Ivan and John. What made job easier or more difficult – advice for next group
  - Having a structure (as opposed to ad hoc) makes things easier
  - Being a liaison and not hearing back from committee heads in timely manner was frustrating
  - Want to be helpful and not stand in the way of people who are already busy – getting reports is especially difficult
  - May need to restate why reports are important – gets lost in hurry sometimes
  - CAR documents very helpful, board master list very helpful
  - Struggle to understand consent agenda – sometimes more discussion needed
  - Get board more actively involved in visioning process instead of just checkins
  - Work hard to stay out of committee business
  - Empower the groups to act on their own with loose oversight by board thru liaison process
  - Concentrate on
    - start planning/visioning
    - updating governance structure
    - return to emphasis of creating and maintaining policies
    - CAR very important – as it empowers committees and provides structure
    - How to provide continuity for the leadership of committees and task forces and teams; short term board needs to be involved in succession planning with committees, and long term how to we educate recruit maintain leaders for committees and task forces

- Find balance with committees – not just sending an email the night before a board meeting for updates
- Be careful of committing too much to too many committees/task forces
- Do fewer things well instead of too many poorly
- Need to add agenda item for each meeting – review of outstanding action items

## 2. Consent Agenda

- John and Carol Balance are GA delegates; can Kate still go if she is not a member? MD motion to accept, LR first, ER second

## 3. Welcome Ivan, John, Dawn!

- 3rd Tuesday of the month still good
- No June meeting
- July meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7/14
- Retreat date?

## 4. Annual Meeting Details

- Covenant and budget going out this week, were available in office as of this past weekend
- What happens if a church member doesn't want to support the covenant? Give them an opportunity to come back, but acknowledge that this may not be the community for them
- Next step for next year is to address what happens when you break covenant
- Still waiting for a few reports but if we don't get them, they won't go into report
- Add new board member emails after annual meeting – Rachael to do

## 5. B&G Discussion

- Ramona – doesn't want to be in charge – would still be on team though. MD to talk to work group on 5/31 and SR to mention from pulpit
- Little house – in limbo. Were going to turn it back into greenspace- but church member thinks we should keep as storage and did some drawings for picnic pavilion/storage. Answer needs to be a better financial answer than knocking it down – timing at issue – Bellwood running DART program during summer.

## 6. Chalice lighter Grant

- What are odds we will get what we asked for? Call runs from May thru July – will get total by early August and goal is to be complete by InGathering in September
- Lynn to talk to Diana and call Mareth
- Ed's suggestion – if we publicize it, the \$\$ we get can help us for our own grant and then support other churches

- Can we bring chalice lighter for Share the Plate? Don't want to discourage individual participation though...

7. Unfinished business

- Need a good list of things we are doing and where we are stopping:
  - i. The problem of committee chairs; too many committees? Can we combine some? Need help with Sunday services (SR to work with Tassi), **Threshold (ask Chris to take it over as Paul Cox moving)**, shared ministry, etc
  - ii. **19 CAR docs on web - Still need: 6 to be approved still and posted on web (RS to do). 3 are left (shared ministry, music, children's memorial fund). Continue to monitor these new CAR docs- as committees work, they may find need to edit. RS need to find someone for CAR taskforce to help.**
  - iii. Governance – will keep going; currently evaluating strengths and weaknesses – but still need to determine where we are going; that's goal for next year. **Need to identify a 2015-2016 deliverable.** Ongoing board duties doc still going also (it's like the board master list).

8. PA law change on reporting – **GP to advise board on next steps and how to stay within the law**

9. SR received final fellowship recommendation – huzzah!

MD motion to adjourn, ER so moved, JK 2<sup>nd</sup>, - Adjourn 8:46

Next meeting **7/14/15** – maybe one in June

Action Item	Responsible Party
Need to add agenda item for each meeting – review of outstanding action items	DD
can Kate still be part of congregational delegation if she is not a member?	SR
Next step for next year is to address what happens when you break covenant	SR/DD
Lynn to talk to Diana and call Mareth	<b>Since Lynn has rotated off board, who will take this over?</b>
Threshold (ask Chris to take it over as Paul Cox moving),	DD?
RS need to find someone for CAR taskforce to help.	RS
Governance : Need to identify a 2015-2016 deliverable.	JK
GP to advise board on next steps and how to stay within the law	GP