

UUCNH Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

8/16/16

Board Members in attendance:

Ivan Baumwell
Dennis Doubleday
Joyce Kepner
Jan Hoeter (JWH)
Dawn Lindsay
Randy Minnich
Ellen Saksen
Robyn Travers

Ex Officio in attendance: Kristen Clarke,
Jennifer Halperin, Scott Rudolph

Absent: Michelena Wolf

1. Consent Agenda
 - Previous Month's Meeting Minutes (7/19/16) – no comments
 - Committee Reports from Liaisons – Little House and Charlie Chaplin show moved to discussion agenda
 - DD motioned; JK seconded - unanimous approval
2. Review of last year's goals: Where we were and where we are—SR – Will resend Focus Areas document to be reviewed before retreat. Thank you to the members of the Visioning Task Force for their hard work. DD – Some ongoing issues with last year's goals. Discuss further during retreat.
3. Presentation by Jennifer Halperin—JH to discuss presentation and next steps with SR and perhaps Sunday Services committee. Perhaps present during Sunday service before the kids and teachers leave. A timeline for finding the next DLFd from JH would be helpful. RM – One slide was about looking at history, and how does that work? JH – We could setup a big timeline around the wall and congregation can add to it. Mostly oriented toward faith development and the life of the church. Perhaps reconvene with the DLFd Search Committee to discuss how to roll-out the timeline for finding the next DLFd.
4. Board Retreat Agenda—During retreat, serve last year's goals in the Three Focus Areas. SR – Ron Hoellein, former minister of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, will be our facilitator. We want to leave this retreat with stated goals. IB – Main discussion will be the Three Focus Areas for a few hours. Dinner break will be a half hour or may be a working dinner. Come early to get situated and for coffee. SR – Executive committee passed along what we wanted to accomplish to facilitator. Gave him our background and history, and he reviewed our materials. Suggest we look at the board covenant after introductions. IB – Meeting Saturday, August 20 from 3-8 pm.
 - a. Team Building-getting to know one another better personally, professionally, and spiritually.
 - b. Book discussion on *Serving with Grace*
 - c. Role of the Board-questions, clarity, and imaging a smaller Board
 - d. Three Focus Areas of the Visioning Task Force-how to put those aspirations into action
5. Minister's time allotment—IB –We moved the Executive committee meetings to online via Google Hangouts so we do not have to be physically present, and it has worked out well. SR –

Realized last year my schedule is not maintainable. My intent is to try to do less night meetings.
 JH – Or ask for a summary and you could provide your comments.

6. Charlie Chaplin show—RT – Will follow-up with Stephen. The board does not feel this is our decision, but recommend he discusses with Fundraising committee, and if Adult Faith Development, then contact JH. SR – Needs to be explicit if fundraising or not. Church sponsored events should be rooted in our values.
7. Little House—DD - Avoid demolition of the Little House while children are in the area, so we have a bid before Bellwood begins Sept. 7. However, it is the highest bid received. Move to Ken Reilly but may not be completed in intended timeframe. May need to table demolition until next summer if winter weather is an issue. Budget in the building fund. Some of the trees may need to come down as part of demolition to fit equipment and one tree is dead.
8. Other business
 - Board Bravos—IB – We seem to have lapsed on these and we need to recreate them. DL – I don't think any one person should be doing these.
 - Safety—IB - SR invited the Franklin police to discuss safety and would like a similar presentation to the board and maybe congregation at large. SR – Yes, and hope will take on creating a safety policy. Right now, the current safety info. is just being shown to greeters and ushers.
 - Food cleanup—IB - Issue about food cleanup at church events. If a committee is holding the event, then the committee should be responsible for cleanup. If it is a church wide event, then there needs to be responsibility delegated to ensure cleanup is done. Board members will setup and cleanup for in-gathering picnic the weekend after Labor Day.

Adjourn 9:06 – RM motion to adjourn; JK seconded

Next board meeting: September 20, 7 pm

Action Item	Responsible Party
Resend Focus Areas document to board	SR
Reconvene with the DLFD Search Committee to discuss how to best rule out timeline	JH
Discuss presentation and next steps with SR and perhaps Sunday Services committee	JH
Send board covenant to prepare for retreat	SR
Follow-up with Stephen regarding Chaplin show requesting he reach out to Fundraising committee and JH if necessary	RT
Follow-up with Ken Reilly for Little House demolition	DD
Safety presentation to the board and perhaps congregation at large	SR
Board members to setup and cleanup for in-gathering picnic weekend after Labor Day	Board members