

UUCNH Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

3/21/17

Board Members in attendance: Ellen Saksen
Ivan Baumwell
Jan Hoeter (JWH)
Joyce Kepner
Dawn Lindsay
Randy Minnich
Robyn Travers

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

Absent: Dennis Doubleday

1. Consent Agenda
 - A. Previous Month's Meeting Minutes (2/21/17) – no comments.
 - B. Committee Reports from Liaisons – Discuss the leading pledgers' party under new business.
 - C. RT motioned; RM seconded: unanimous approval
2. Cost of walkie talkies – Need ones with an individual cradle. Estimate of \$30/piece and buy about 8 based on B&G report to budget for next year. We haven't had the officer tour the building just yet. Think about how we can show our appreciation to him as he is off-duty for this.
Motion to assign \$500 for the purchase of walkie talkies to increase safety at church. JWH motioned; RM seconded; unanimous approval.
3. Board self-evaluation – IB added the reminder to the master calendar.
4. Vote to have John Balance be a UUCNH delegate at GA – Per John's request and requires board approval. **Motion to approve John Balance as a UUCNH delegate: JWH motioned, RT seconded; unanimous approval.**

Motion to empower the executive team to give the okay for someone to be a delegate. RT motioned, DL seconded; unanimous approval.

5. Little House update – Skipped.
6. Questions surrounding process—revisiting tabled items from 11/15 meeting
 - A. **Each committee / group is responsible for its chairs / facilitators including successors, but what if that doesn't work? Who to escalate to?** Committee chair to find a successor, but if that doesn't work, LDT might be able to supply a list to the board for the chair to talk to those people. The board should put in the request from LDT after they are sure the committee chair has made an effort to find a successor. If the committee chair leaves, then it may need to be the committee's job to find a chair. If the new governance structure passes, the board would be responsible. JWH to discuss and present to LDT as a case that would not be routine, and the board would request LDT to assist in finding a leader for the committee. The committee chair will need to come to the board to let us know what they have done to find a successor.
 - B. **Should every board member read all committee reports in full or should liaison (?) highlight what is important to know / discuss? "Serving with Grace" ideas: Consensus**

is to read the liaison reports in full and not change the language provided by the committee chair.

Remaining items moved to next month's agenda.

7. Initial planning for the Annual Congregational Meeting: Scheduled for 5/21 at Noon. JWH will be absent at the meeting; JWH to talk with DL to learn how to run the proxies. Proxy form is the same but the date needs to be changed. IB asking for all board members to email him with two people to thank; send to IB by the next board meeting. Lynne asking for the Committee of Chairs reports in by May 1, and send to the office email address.
8. Focus Areas
 - A. Social Justice – Need more external marketing and branding so that we are performing social justice as UUCNH and not just individuals. Also need internal marketing to know more about what we do within Systemic Change for instance. Perhaps suggest to Systemic Change, that they share what they are doing with Communications. Add to the agenda of the Committee of Chairs meeting to discuss ways to implement these focus areas.
 - B. Connections –Suggesting the Connections team move along with implementing the Faith Forward program. IB to urge them to move on next steps.
 - C. Growth – Tabled.
9. New Business: The lead pledgers' party is currently on the board's master list for late February. Board will support the lead pledgers' party at the request of Stewardship.

JK needs time on the next meeting's agenda for GTF. Two GTF sessions after church on April 9 and 30.

IB to send RT to put together the master list for the board.

Adjourn 9:05 – IB motion to adjourn; DL seconded

Next board meeting: April 18, 7 pm

Action Item	Responsible Party
Reach out to LDT	JWH
JWH to talk to DL to learn how to run proxies; date needs to change	JWH & DL
IB asking for two people to thank for the annual meeting and send to IB by the next board meeting.	All
Lynne asking for the Committee of Chairs reports in by May 1, and send to the office email address.	All
Suggesting the Connections team move along with implementing the Faith Forward program. IB to urge them to move on next steps.	IB
Add to the agenda of the Committee of Chairs meeting to discuss ways to implement these focus areas.	RT
JH asked for time for GTF to be on next board meeting's agenda	IB
IB to send RT to put together the master list for the board.	IB & RT