

# UUCNH Board Meeting Minutes

## December 19, 2017

### Attendance

Robyn Travers, Ivan Baumwell, Susie Wood, Dawn Lindsay, Don Nelson, Jan Hoeter (JWH), Rev. Don Rollins, Jennifer Halperin (JH)

### Consent Agenda

November minutes approved (JH moved, SW seconded)

Liaison Reports approved (IB moved, RT seconded)

### Action Items from 11/20

- Wifi - RT discussed wifi with Mark
- Board/GTF Task Force Meeting - was held on 12/16 9AM-12PM
- Solar Panels - JWH made progress on obtaining other bids
- Solar Panels - IB discussed solar panel follow up questions with Rebecca

### DLFD Search Team Update (JH/DL)

- Team met on 12/14
- DLFD job posting/website will be active on 1/6

### Solar Panels Discussion

- Board unanimously voted on the following statement “We agree to consider business proposals with active participants in the church only with Board approval, and only after complete vetting of the proposal against independent alternatives.” (IB moved, SW seconded)
- JWH on other bids – one other alternative company bid was over 20K (much higher than we would be spending for same amount of work with MTV). Many companies do not consider churches (or any non-profits) to be viable customers because they are not eligible for tax credit for being energy efficient. JWH did not get responses from all companies contacted. Will follow up with additional information next month **(Action Item)**
- IB on follow up with Rebecca – Rebecca does not receive any commission or direct extra benefit if UUCNH decides to move forward on deal. MTV is offering this in part as a way to enter the Pittsburgh solar market. Rebecca is a salesperson in the Pittsburgh area, and therefore could potentially receive increased commissions as an indirect result of UUCNH going forward.
- Board will write a policy regarding the above **(Agenda for Jan)**
- Board will vote at January Board meeting on moving forward with the MTV proposal **(Agenda for Jan)**

### Rental Policy Discussion

- Clarification: Bellwood is exempt from charges for using church for events
- Board discussed the high potential for rental income from events, and how much the church should prioritize rental income. Next steps would be to research how other churches do this, and define what an events coordinator would/should do.
- Susie will write a job description for events coordinator **(Action Item)**
- RT will reach out to First Church re event coordinating, JH will give RT name **(Action Item)**

### Green Sanctuary CAR document

- Green Sanctuary CAR document approved (RT moved, DL seconded)
- RT will send CAR document to Sona to put on website **(Action Item)**

## **Covenantal Relations Team**

- Board/GTF Task Force Meeting was held on 12/16. Ends statements were revised. Action Item from that meeting was for the Board to recommend three members for Covenantal Relations Team.
- Requirements: Cannot be Board members or chairs of any committees/teams. Participate in a training session, meet on as-needed basis. Would like a commitment of 3 years, but not “deal breaker” if can only give 2.
- Created list of 6 names. Executive Committee will reach out to them. Will be voted on at January Board meeting. **(Action Item)**

## **Planning for Congregational Meeting**

- Agenda items: Vote on CRT, Present End Statements (will vote on at May meeting); Vote on Social Justice priority issue; Solar panel presentation (pending January Board meeting discussion); Interim Ministry presentation
- Logistics: Finalize at January Board meeting **(Agenda for Jan)**

## **Secretary for next time: ES**

### **Action Items**

- JWH will follow up re additional solar panel bids next month
- SW will write a job description for events coordinator
- RT will reach out to First Church re event coordinating (JH will give RT a name)
- RT will send CAR document to Sona to put on website
- Executive Committee will reach out to potential Covenantal Relations Team members