UUCNH Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2018

In attendance: Robyn Travers, Susie Wood, Mary Ellen Johnson (secretary), Don Nelson, Kathi Finch, Don Rollins, Dana Poss

- Approval of October 2018 meeting minutes:
  Kathi Finch: motion to accept minutes
  Don Nelson: seconds motion
  Unanimous approval

- Approval of liaison reports:
  Liaison reports

  There was an addition to the DLFD report. March 9th will be the DLFD start up for the church from 10 to 3. All board members are asked to attend.
  Robyn Travers: Motion to approve liaison reports with the above addition
  Kathi Finch: seconds motion
  Unanimous approval

Follow-up from October meeting
Sunshine Wolfe will facilitate a workshop on growth from 1 to 3 on Dec. 1. After the workshop the board will meet with SW to discuss what growth will mean to the congregation.

New Business
Gaia festival is scheduled on the calendar for 5/4 which is a conflict with candidating week. Candidating week must have priority. Robyn Travers made a motion to tell Kathryn Flower that we cannot host the Gaia Fest this year because we are in transition and do not have the volunteer support and we have another event which takes priority. Susie Wood seconded the motion. There was unanimous support.

There was a proposal made to publish the Intercom on a bi-monthly basis. The new Intercom will have a different format and not repeat what is in the E-News. The Intercom will include the minister’s report, the president’s message, reports NCHO and systemic change team. Next step is to develop talking points and have a plan to notify the congregation of the changes. We will talk to a congregant with experience in communications to see if they are willing to help us develop the message. This will begin at the beginning of 2019 and there will be no Intercom in Feb. Kathi Finch made a motion to approve the plan. Susie Wood seconded the motion. There was unanimous support.
Susie Wood feels we should do a mid-year review of the board and minister. We will look forward to the next six months and decide what we want to get done and what can we get done. Each board member should bring a list to the next meeting of what we want to get done. The items should center around our three main goals for the board. Kindness and generosity being the main thing for growth. Bring ideas for a kindness campaign and how we can get it done.

Future dates: The mid-year annual meeting will be Jan 20 and May 19th for the annual meeting.

Don’s last Sunday will June 2. For the mid-year meeting we will send emails to our teams and committees to see if they have anything to included on the agenda. All requests must be in by Jan 10, 2019.

We are going to do a network upgrade. Don Nelson and Mark Draa will do the installation work. The Craft group will pay for the network equipment.

Covenantal relations CAR document has a position for a board member to serve as liaison to the team. The position will be as a liaison and not a team member. Robyn will be the representative for this current year.

Membership letter. There was some anger about the annual membership letter from those who were not in compliance with the contribution of record required in the by-laws. The reaction emphasized the need for us as a church to work on kindness. A Congregant made suggestions on future communication and Susie will work on refining the process.

We will move forward with acquiring Zoom and Dropbox accounts for the church. Zoom will be used by teams, committees and individuals as needed. Search has priority.

Ellen Saksen will take over Fundraising next year. For the current year we will try to find some individuals willing to do some events.

Action items
Christmas Eve. Dawn Swidal is planning to continue working on the Christmas Eve dinner. We will ask Ellen Saksen to review the hospitality list and come up with people to work with her as a team. The team should let her know what is going on but move forward with plans and organization.