UUCNH Board Meeting

Wednesday December 18, 2019

Attendees: Jane Thickstun, Minister; Dana Poss, DLFD; Mary Ellen Johnson, Board President; Julie Kant, VP; Susie Wood, Don Nelson, Kathy Ke

Approval of minutes from the Nov 20, 2019 BOT meeting motion SW 2nd JK Vote yes

Approval of liaison reports motion SW 2nd JK Vote yes

Minister's Report:
- Christmas Eve service – still some loose ends; need ushers; candles are in storage closet in WR
- Fred Geiger has volunteered to do marketing and website
- Ministry Council is moving forward
- Green Sanctuary meeting Monday – one long term and one short term project chosen
- Jan 12 – Jane plans to speak about Green Sanctuary
- Jan 19 – GS will present at mid-year congregational meeting

Approval of housing allowance for 2020 of $25,000 motion DN 2nd KK Vote yes

Approval of CAR for Ministry Council
- Minor spelling/grammatical changes recommended; “Approved by the Board’ to be added to top of document; Jane submitted edited version to Council
- To be posted to website by Sona
- Approved motion SW 2nd MEJ Vote yes

Listening Circle schedule and publicity
- Will schedule the next one after the mid-year meeting so people have had a refresher on Partnership Governance
- Will do more publicity and the session will include representation for the Board and Ministry Council, so issues and questions can be directed to the appropriate body. Having an organizational chart would be helpful.
- Next session will be 2/2/20, alternate date 2/23.

Data storage report – Discussion is moving forward

Buildings and Grounds Committee progress
- Meeting very productive; 9 people total attendance
- Decision made to narrow scope and focus on key priorities
- Not within scope: Facilities Rental; long-range budgeting, Landscaping; Memorial Garden; Bellwood; Capital Improvements
- Mark Swihart has volunteered to Chair for next 6 months; Mark and Mike Zak have been added to email that B&G requests are being sent to

Roofing Estimate Report
- Total cost $233,000
- Most urgent: East Room and West Room, which could be done with current funds
- Then Main long roof which will need Capital Campaign
- Metal roofs of Silos in good condition but need new Soffit
- Rubber connecting roofs in good condition

Safety Preparedness Committee – locking the doors
- Recommendation from Committee to lock front doors during Sunday Service
- Members of Committee willing to staff the door for a few months during trial period
- Discussion of concerns:
  - Difficult to find people to staff the doors every week
  - Not welcoming
  - Not effective – many easy areas of entry; how to identify whether someone knocking at the door is a threat or not?
- MEJ will invite a representative from the Committee to attend the next Board Meeting in January; we will ask them how this recommendation was developed, and how this reconciles with our mission, specifically, to be welcoming?

January 19, 2020 Congregational Meeting
- Julie will communicate with the following Teams who will be presenting, regarding their allotted times (which need to include both presentation and Q&A) and need for any slides to be sent to Don by Friday before the meeting.
  - Safety 10 min
  - Green Sanctuary 15 min
  - Systemic Change 7 min
  - CRT/Ministry Council/Governance Task Force 40 min total
- Other details:
  - Soup sale will take place but there may not be enough
  - Sandwich platters needed; MEJ will ask Kathi Finch re quantities; prob order from Giant Eagle (last time Jimmy Johns, but JJ problematic)
  - Susie will send out Agenda and Announcement and notify Coffee Hour hosts that they do not need to bring food
  - Don will do AV; Don and Kathy K will be mic runners
  - Jane will make announcement from pulpit on Jan 12
  - Julie will take notes

Other Items:
- Floor mat with wheelchair logo to be placed in Sanctuary; should be ready in January
- Approval of Hal Dixler to join Board in January to replace KK move MEJ

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm