

Meeting of the UUCA Board of Trustees

August 28, 2012 7:00pm-9:00pm

Present: Brian Baker, Lyn Conley, Cindy Hoffner, Pam Kilmer, Bill Mengel, June Lester, Joetta Prost, Bailey Pope, Grier Page, Erin Stanfill, Beth Valentine

Staff: Anthony David, Senior Minister, Marti Keller, Associate Minister, Scott Howell, Executive Director

Meeting Host: Brian Baker

Process Observer: Pam Kilmer

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. Joetta Prost lit the chalice with words from *Governance & Ministry* by Don Hotchkiss.

Circle of connection – Social Justice (SJ) – Your involvement in SJ at UUCA: Board members shared their involvement with SJ at UUCA. Some activities involved sustainability, the IRC project, Fiesta De Libros, Justice Ministry, “tent city” demonstration at General Assembly, notices to justice groups, Interweave, Access Team, sit ins, serving at Women’s and Children’s Shelter, homeless advocacy, Pride, Standing on the Side of Love, & Immigrant Justice.

Covenant Review: The covenant was read aloud

Need to Know

Finance: Grier reviewed the documents previously provided to board members, with assurance that the worst seems to be behind us. There was some discussion of the A/C contract.

The Mid-Year Budget Modification was discussed and details were requested about the cuts in Professional Expenses, whether the Phoenix 5K would take place, & on-going fundraising efforts.

Decisive Action

Motion: Move that the BOT authorizes using \$12,431.00 from the Capital Reserves Fund to pay for the replacement A/C unit. Grier moved, Joetta seconded. Unanimous approval by all present.

Motion: Move that the BOT approves the FY12 budget as revised August 13, 2012. Joetta moved, Erin seconded. Unanimous approval by all present.

Need to Know

Board Committee Reports:

PEM (Planning, Evaluation & Monitoring) is gearing up to work on monitoring. Grier and Joetta are working together to figure out which items will be reviewed by the Finance Committee. The goal this year is to try to codify the process because the Executive and his staff have had to adjust their monitoring process each year.

ByLaws and Policies: One goal for the year is to collate the policies so that they are more accessible to the congregation and board members. If anyone sees any omissions let them know. For instance, there is no electronic voting policy in place which would help with approving the minutes and other situations when the board is not meeting immediately.

Congregational Life: The committee hasn't met yet.

Executive Report: Matters of legal import were discussed in Executive Session; because it involves an ongoing legal issue, nothing was reported. The final iteration of this format of the Executive Report was reviewed and accepted.

Board Education

Reverend Keller gave a "pop quiz" to the board about Social Justice (SJ) at UUCA. She explained the background for SJ groups and how a framework was created in the past that continues to be followed. There are currently 6 SJ groups: Peace Network, Hope Hill Project, Interweave, Animal Ministry, Promise the Children, and Racial and Ethnic Concerns. The chair of an official justice group must be a member of the congregation of any duration. An official UUCA Justice Group may take a public position on a justice issue on behalf of the specific group only, without consent from the BOT or Senior Minister or designee.

No groups have been approved since the passage of the Executive Limitation regarding official groups. The Executive will be creating the required procedures for defining such groups. Types of groups: Arts & Music, Education & Lifelong Learning, Fellowship & Community, Social Justice & Community Service, Strictly Social, Welcome & Hospitality, Facilities & Grounds, Operations, & Pastoral Care & Worship Service Support.

Why become a formal group? You have access to: budget, use of space, use of UUCA communication vehicles, UUCA sanctioned listservs, use of a designated table in social hall, use of SJ bulletin board, access to apply for fundraisers.

The Long Range Plan proposes a Justice Advisory Task Force (JATF) to look at larger issues. They will consider:

- How do UUCA's SJ groups align with UUA priorities?
- How does a vital, large congregation select an all-congregation project?
- How can the congregation take a stand on a SJ issue?

The Congregational Life Committee can link to the JATF.

The Board left with a much better understanding of UUCA's current SJ program.

Announcements

Grier requested that Board members respond to his email regarding UUEF lists for 5 and 10 year plans

June gave observers insights.

Joetta gave closing words from *Growing a Beloved Community* by Tom Owen-Towle.

The meeting ended at approximately 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Valentine, Secretary