

UTUUC Board Meeting Notes 1/13/15 805 S. Blvd

Attendees: Alison Price, Kathy Clark, Amanda Sonneborn, Carrie Bankes, Larry Kameya, Rob Bellmar, Dan Crimmins, Beth Scanlan, Scott Lewis and Elizabeth Plummer

Guests: Ed White, Josh Dittleberg, Rich Whitney and Mary Marling

Centering

- We centered at 6:37. Dan Crimmins read two Parker Palmer quotes.

Consent Agenda

- Note: shorter A-Team reports due to vacations and holidays.
- Motion made to approve was seconded and accepted.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

- Annual election from Board of President, 1 or 2 Vice Presidents, 1 Treasurer and 1 Secretary.
- All officers are 1 year terms, beginning the fiscal year, and 2 year terms.
- Dan Crimmins was nominated and voted President.
- Rob Bellmar was nominated and voted Vice President.
- Amanda Sonneborn was nominated and voted 2nd Vice President.
- Alison Price was nominated and voted Secretary.
- Ed White has been serving as Treasurer and has agreed to serve for 2015. Question raised on how long he has served, as bylaws have stated should not serve more than 3 years in the role. We motioned to approve him as Acting Treasurer as we research his eligibility and potential other candidates.
- Vote to Accept Marsha Borders to Finance Team – extremely recommended candidate! Motion made to accept was seconded and accepted.

Investment Protocol Update – Josh Dittleberg

- Recapped issue for the new Board Members. (See July and August 2014 notes for resolution on Carbon Tracker 200 Fossil Fuel investments).
- Josh presented the policy created from the Finance Committee based on the investment protocols that were created by Josh and reviewed by the board.
- Issue raised on how to set guidelines for what type of companies we own stock in, how to align our values with where our money is, but be fiscally responsible and represent the diversity of our congregation.
- The BOARD OF TRUSTEES INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY purpose is to ask for an Investment Policy to be created by the Investment Committee and the Finance Committee, based on our policy. The policy that is being created will guide investments based on our values, and it is noted that UTUUC and the board has not specified the values.
- Additional feedback given on the Finance Committee's updated policy, and will be updated by Josh. Discussion will continue after document updated and sent via email by Josh for Board to vote at the next meeting (2/10/15)
- Investment committee will come back to April Board meeting with next steps and implementation.
- **Board wants to thank the Finance Committee for their long, hard work on this issue and policy.**

World Cafe Plan

- Date – TBD Possible middle March/or April, was waiting on location. Sunday March 15th or Saturday March 21st (but if in the Saturday morning, tours happen) are currently suggested.
- Location – We had wanted to have it at our new location but will have it at Unity Temple.
- Facilitator – Alison will search outside of UTUUC for a facilitator. Suggestions welcome.
- Leadership/Planning – Alison will prepare a project plan Timeline of What would be needed for Café (when to train facilitators, tally results, set up and food needed).
- Subject: We will have three questions, one focused on the personal/worship/overall experience at Unity Temple, one focused on our community connections, and the last on focused on how our shared life makes a difference in the wider community—that is, how do we as a congregation engage faith in action and service. (Values, Intersection of Faith, Action and Politics.)

Preservation Update

- **Temporary space update:** 2 potential locations
 - First UMC (Alcuin location) – Issue is that Alcuin has exclusive use of the much of the classrooms, they would need to amend their agreement to have us be able to use it. Church Board Chair was reaching out to Alcuin to ask about amending agreement. Additional issue is timing of the services (our service would be at 11:30 most likely).
 - United Lutheran – Building may need work done by us to make space useable, and classrooms are not large enough for us, but we may need to update rooms too. Other issue is location, as is farther from our office and location, so ride shares would need created.
 - Alcuin - We may need to make a benefit to them for us to use their space, and need to address them using Gale House during the construction and their safety.
- **Issues requiring Board attention** – Task Force will come back to discuss further for Board vote:
 - Accessibility: Ramp, Sanctuary, Unity House and Gale House.
 - Classroom Walls – If we keep the walls or remove them to restore original look.
 - Congregation-Funded Upgrade Projects: What we can do in the Non-Historic Areas, and non-preservation related rooms. (Kitchen – update for rentals, and fix asbestos floor. Security, A/V update - projectors, better speakers, Technology and Network, Other (Bathrooms, Office Area, Classrooms, Nursery)
- **Next Steps**
 - Finalize design documents
 - Retaining Wall Issue – it is on the neighboring property, and Oak Park ordinances can help us with having Building Owner fix.
 - Programming Studies – We will be conducting studies on our needs and wants as a congregation.
 - Communications – Need to make sure that we have frequent updates to our congregation.

Newsletter assignments – Need February and March – Carrie has agreed to write March. Board members to check email for Google Docs sign up and information.

Open Issues

- Payoff of Ziegler Loan – No updates have been made, conversations are still happening. There are bank documents that will need to be signed by the new president.
- Policy Updates – Did not discuss at this meeting. (Inclement Weather and Rental)

Other New Business

- Alison Price was voted to be the other Co-signer of larger checks.

Adjournment: 9:17