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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
1019 South Blvd. Building
6:30 PM :: Sept. 12, 2017

Attendees

Board: Rob Bellmar, Karen Haskins-Brewer, Alec Brownlow, Bill Crozier, Anne Devaud, Clara Lewis, Amanda Sonneborn, Kathy Clark, and Dave Willard

A-Team: Alan Taylor, Emily Gage, and Kellie Kelly

Guest: Dan Crimmins

1. Centering began at 6:38 by Alan.
2. Check-in – Rob facilitated conversation about what might be weighing on our hearts. There were several thoughts about the devastation of the hurricanes.
3. Consent Agenda –
 - a. Rob asked how the Board can be of assistance with all the logistics regarding starting RE, with the large volume of children, classes, and sites. Emily stated this will all take time to sort itself out.
 - b. We discussed Elizabeth going to the village regarding graffiti and that it was graffiti on 1019, not UT. Our next door neighbors to the west got it as well and were helpful in its removal. It did not seem targeted at UUs.
 - c. We learned there has been no progress regarding the sale of the property just east of UT. What they are asking is higher than what others want to pay.
 - d. It was discussed that the language used for a ‘Safe Congregation’ and ‘The Safety and Security Team’ needs some distinction and clarification.
 - e. There was discussion regarding Lee Webster’s departure and how administrative duties may be reconfigured in the future.
 - f. We discussed Alan’s proposal that we be a sponsoring congregation for Jamie Boyce, a UTUUC member and former Faith in Action coordinator. This is a symbolic action. Alec motioned that we become her sponsor, Bill seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.Dave motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Alec seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. Financial and AFD Update – Rob stated that with Elizabeth not present, we would talk more in-depth next month. He encouraged board members to meet one-on-one with Elizabeth, should they want an overview of the budget. She’s done that in the past and it’s worked out well. Alec requested that board members get a tutorial from Elizabeth about our finances, in a broad sense, at a separate meeting and everyone agreed that would be a good idea. Rob stated we’ll hope for that meeting to occur prior to the November budget proposal. Rob reminded the Board about fundraising and responding to Marsha Border’s outreach.

5. Re-dedication Update – Alan shared that the new president of the UUA, Susan Frederick-Gray, will preach on Sunday morning (Oct. 1) and will be present at the 4 PM ceremony, as will other clergy. The 4 PM ceremony will be about 1 ½ hours long. There will be a reception afterwards and we're getting nice donations of hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine from local establishments. Alec stated that some youth are willing to pass hors d'oeuvres at the reception. The Re-dedication Team is working hard.
6. Board Retreat and Transition Discussions - Rob reminded us that the Board retreat is Oct. 6 and 7. It will be a pot-luck for Friday evening and Rob generously volunteered his house, and the next day we will meet at 1019. Rob has been having one-on-one discussions with various members of the Board regarding the president, vice-president, and secretary roles for 2018. He mentioned that we need representation at Program Council, as well. Kathy stated that the Nominating Committee is meeting and they welcome input.
7. UTP Update – Dan Crimmins shared that the punch list items are getting shorter, with some of the biggest items addressed being the heating and AC systems, the boiler, security and key cards, and lighting. We hope to take ownership of UT in late Oct. or so, once these issues are resolved. Dan stated that there is still discussion about overarching issues, such as ownership, use, expense, and revenue sharing. A collective understanding is needed. Once that occurs, Dan will take this understanding to Alphawood to discuss how they might help us with ongoing increased UT expenses in light of the renovations. At this point, it is difficult to forecast ongoing maintenance costs. There was discussion about needing a building engineer, if even part-time, and Alan has reached out to other congregations regarding how they meet maintenance needs.
8. Additional Business – Clara shared that an individual approached her, expressing dismay that a Wednesday Reflection did not convey how to assist with hurricane relief, similar to an earlier Wednesday Reflection that shared how to assist in light of the violence in Charlottesville. The Board discussed the similarities and differences of the two events and what a UU response could look like. Alan said he would share links regarding hurricane relief in his next Wednesday Reflection.
9. Executive Session – regarding personnel. Kathy moved we adjourn to Executive Session and Amanda seconded. Unanimously approved.

Kathy moved we adjourn the Board meeting and Amanda seconded. Meeting ended at 8:00, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Devaud
BOT Secretary