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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Unity Temple Community Center
6:30 PM, June 9th, 2020

Chalice lighting and Centering	Aisha	6:30 pm
Check-in		6:35 pm
BoT Covenant Renewal	All	6:50 pm
Treasurer's Report	Lynne	7:00 pm
Consent Agenda	All	7:15 pm
Abundance Fund Policy	Lynne et al	7:30 pm
Update: Senior Minister Review	Willa	7:40 pm
Report on Big Ideas from Beloved Conversations	Chuck, Nina, Elizabeth, Barb, Emily	7:45
Discussion: Beloved Conversations Leadership Panel questions	All	8:00
New Business: Regional Congregational Life consultant: Rev. David Pyle	Willa, Alan	8:20
Confirm dates for Reflecting with the Board and July BoT meeting	All	8:25
Adjournment		8:35

1) **Attendance**

- Erik Wise, Teresa Powell, Elizabeth Plummer, Julie Willoughby, Willa Shultz, Rev. Alan Taylor, Rev. Emily Gage, Stephanie Kiesling, Lynne Hensel, Tina Lewis, Rich Pokorny, Aisha Ellis, Kimberly Brumirski, Ed McDevitt

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
- 2) **Centering - provided by Aisha Ellis**
 - Amazing Peace by Maya Angelou
 - 3) **Check-in with all attendees**
 - 4) **BoT Covenant Renewal**
 - 5) **Treasurer's Report**
 - Congress has extended the period you can use the PPP funds from 8 weeks to 24 weeks. This gives us enough time to spend the entire amount.
 - PPP is being spent to increase hours for Val Ridenour and Jeanne Calabrese and hire Jim Parks part time for online services
 - Finance and Investment committee is working on giving a midyear update
 - 6) **Review of the Consent Agenda**
 - Discussed where the PPP loan shows up in the Budget. It will show up next month
 - Positive comments about the high number of YouTube views (500)
 - Questions about Brown Paper Ticket problem with repaying money for Schubert Fest. – update is that they are working on issue and will be paying us soon.
 - There is a request to the Community Renewal Society to support the Fair Tax. There was a question if this is a Non-partisan issue. The concern raised is that it is not be presented as something that has universal support. By law a church cannot endorse a candidate but is allowed to support legislative initiatives.
 - Update about Community Transformation Team – recent meeting with 15 people on team. We are trying to create an infrastructure that is flexible. They have broken up into 3 sub-teams to split up work. They will be meeting every other week
 - Ed moved to approve members, seconded (unanimous)
 - 7) **Abundance Fund Policy**
 - Previously called the Emergency Fund that was funded during a one week collection per year with a small suppliant from budget. Now it is setup so people can individually contribute.
 - We reviewed the documented ABUNDANCE FUND Policy
 - There were some questions and concerns that were addressed
 - Ed moved to approve Abundance Fund Policy, seconded (unanimous)
 - 8) **Motion to approve A-team to send payment to various creditors requested by a member of our community, to be funded by Agnes Kelly Fund not to exceed \$1500**
 - Ed moved to approve Motion, seconded (unanimous)
 - 9) **Update: Senior Minister Review**
 - Willa gave an update
 - 10) **Report on Big Ideas from Beloved Conversations – Presented by Nina Brewer-Davis and Chuck Ruth**
 - Adult RE program to bring about concrete change and focus on what we can do about racial justice
 - We reviewed the information documented in “BC_8 Big Ideas Proposals--For the Board”

- We discussed that it presents good feedback that can we can take into account on policy and board decisions.

11) Discussion: Beloved Conversations Leadership Panel questions

- This agenda item moved to next meeting

12) New Business: Regional Congregational Life consultant: Rev. David Pyle

- Based on his works with other congregations and on initial conversations, he puts together a memorandum of understanding of what support he can give.
- We reviewed the draft version of the memorandum
- It addresses the committee on ministry
- We discussed the qualifications of Rev. David Pyle
- Questions on the actual end goals that we are looking for. There is a concern about ambiguity. Things will be clarified in final version of the memorandum of understanding

13) Confirm dates for Reflecting with the Board and July BoT meeting

- June 14th at 1:00 PM and June 15th at 7:00 PM
- Question if Abundance Fund should be discussed – yes.
- Topic to consider is: why we are not a spiritual home for all kind of people and how do we address that?

New Business

- No new business

Adjourn

- Stephanie motion to adjourn, seconded (unanimous)
- Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Erik Wise