

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016

Action Items:

- 1) Need committee budgets ASAP; Review draft budget @ April Board meeting (April 19); Get Congregation input in May; Publish budget three (3) weeks ahead of congregational meeting (couldn't find this date on church calendar)
- 2) Judy to talk with Michelle regarding advocating for her pastoral care project
- 3) Write in the CARING book to show it can be used
- 4) Time to send out quarterly pledge statements
- 5) Contact committees to contain sending monthly reports to Board

Attendance: Judy Stettner, Mike Stough, Sue McCowin, Kaz Kazlusky, Barb Fleming, Rev. Sean Dennison

Devotion: "Just for Today" – Kaz Kazlusky
Mike to do devotion for April meeting

Question/Check In: 'How has being UU liberated you?' – Now it's OK to fit in, Can't buy into some other religions, Can be true to whom I am, Accepting of other religions, No Heaven / Hell / Guilt / Sinner

Approval of February Meeting Minutes as amended: Barb moved; Kaz seconded; Vote was unanimous in favor

Finance Report:

- Kaz provided financial reports
- Some concerns around pledges: Many pledges are coming in regularly, some pledges are at \$0 and some folks have moved away – will be contacting / sending letters as needed to follow-up

President's Report

- 150th Celebration – save the date email from Don's list
 - Help with all things is needed
 - Video content of past members / why they like the church
- Year round giving getting a positive response from congregation
- Rummage sale (Date ??) – need folks to coordinate
- Music search committee – Dave's report reviewed
- Church cleanup – April 2nd – 9 – 2pm

Minister's Report

- Attendance up over past two months
- **Church of Folk** VERY good and well received
- Getting compliments on many aspects of services
- Sean out several Sundays in April while attending conferences

President Elect's Report

- No report

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- Need to start getting committee reports again
- Need budget requests in April, need to review at May meeting, congregation vote in June

Vote to accept reports: Sue moved; Barb seconded; Vote was unanimous in favor

Business

- 150th Celebration – discussed previously
- Year Round Giving Update – discussed previously
- Director of Music Position Update (FYI) – discussed previously
- Circle dinner discussion (Rapp's dinner):
 - Don Metivier talked about how folks are anxious about pastoral care / lack of care?
 - Sean has not been doing as much care in a traditional sense but is doing care in alternate settings / approaches; he has a more professional care relationship (he was taught this way); he does have care boundaries; he wants to be more than our friend, wants to be our minister
 - Newer church members are making appointments to talk with Sean
 - It might be better to do care as a team approach, a 'pastoral care team'
 - Might need to have a facilitated discussion with a mediator (possibly from UU)
 - Support Michelle's intern project on pastoral care (she is passionate about care) as a 'border crossing' from one form of pastoral care to another
- Second Sunday Lunch feedback (March 13th)
 - Want links to Board minutes / finances on website
 - People can make things happen if 'they' do it – if someone has a good idea for the church it is up to them to move it forward (not the Board)
 - Do a church service or skit about what the congregation ought to know / should know
 - Sean has committed to do Joy and Concerns four times per year but this has been hard to schedule, actually doing them about two times per year
 - Generally there's a positive buzz about what is going on at TOL
- Next Sunday Lunch
 - No lunch planned for April
 - Maybe May 1st ? (can't decide tonight) – will need to talk about next year's budget at this lunch
- Publicity – not discussed
- Habitat for Humanity - Kaz coordinating
 - Nine (9) people signed up, will probably get more going forward
- Board Survey – plans for 2017/18– Judy will contact those she hasn't heard from yet

New Business

- None