

UCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 10th, 2016, 6:00-8:30 pm

Present: President Birgitt Paul, Vice President Lynne Weidel, Secretary Natalie Vernon, Treasurer Paul Howard. Past President Chuck Skinner. Members at Large; Mark Vinich, and Hailey Ellingham. Also present: Rev. Audette Fulbright. Guests: Finance Committee members Mike Shonsey and Joey Vanschalk.

President Birgitt Paul officially called the meeting to order at 6:10 with a Chalice Lighting and Mindful Check In.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Director of Lifelong Faith Development Report
- April Board of Director Minutes
- Minister's Report
- Monthly Financial Report

Paul moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Mark, and approved unanimously by vote.

2016-2017 BUDGET REPORT: The financial team presented the budget for FY 2016-2017 with 2 Options for approval from the Board before it is brought to a vote at the Congregational Meeting.

Option 1 included:

- Staff Hours remain as they are, with no pay increase
- Budget included 42K out of reserves
- Sam's Club Membership for 2 is included
- \$200 is cut from the gardening request
- Nursery workers will be paid \$10.63 per hour
- \$2000 Pledge Line

Paul Howard proposed Board Approval for Option 1. It was seconded by Natalie with a vote of 5 in favor, 2 against, to pass the motion.

LEGACY CIRCLE PROPOSAL The Board agreed to authorize the creation of a Legacy Circle to encourage people to make a gift to the church through their estate. Mike Shonsey has created a "Legacy Packet" which contains information on options of investments that can be donated, such as IRAs and Annuities. The Investment Committee will create a plaque to list our Legacy Circle members past, present and future. This committee will also handle the policies about the receipt of gifts. Such gifts will only need Board approval if there is something unusual or controversial about them.

May 23 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA: Birgitt went over the items to be included in the Congregational Meeting on May 23rd. Agenda items were discussed. A short Board meeting will be held on April 17th, 5:30-7:00 to finalize preparation for the Annual Meeting. Birgitt will have a mock agenda for us to work with at that time.

MINISTER’S REPORT: Rev. Audette presented her report from which covered both April and May. Discussion covered moving towards more of a ‘Teaching Congregation’, and what we want our professional ministry to look like for 2017-2018, and beyond. This will be addressed through a series of Cottage Conversations, as below.

COTTAGE CONVERSATIONS will be held June-August. These will be held by a general invitation for all congregants and church friends to sign up for one conversation this summer. The purpose of these meetings will be to hear directly from the congregation their thoughts and desires for how the church will be led as well as the direction for Church Year 2016-2017. We will cover goals for the coming year as well as short and long term planning. These conversations will also address our financial challenges in terms of discussing how UUCC can be more engaging in general and to improve growth and possibly revenue. Nancy Bowen will attend our next Board meeting via Zoom, Skype or speaker phone to help guide this effort.

Guidelines for Cottage Conversation Leaders will be provided, and there will be at least 1 Board Member at each conversation.

This information will be gathered and available for decision making purposes before the next Congregation Meeting in September.

Important Dates:

Roy Zimmerman, May 19th

Annual Business Meeting May 23rd

Path to Membership, May 24th, May 27th

Next Board Meeting June 14, New Members welcomed.

Annual UUCC Potluck Picnic, July 3

QUUest and Spirit QUUest July 4-9

Hogwarts School of Magic, Sundays June -August

Draft respectfully submitted for corrections May 28th, 2016, by Natalie Vernon, Board Secretary.

