

Minutes of the UUCF Board of Directors

September 6, 2016

Attendance

Board: Steve Myles, Michael Liggett, Anthony Salvi, Rev. David Miller, Karen Wolf, Paul Atelsek, Hal Fuller, Peggy Hillman

Absent: Judy Gallimore, Jennifer Caires

Staff: Rich Sider, McKinley Sims

Guests:

Karen opened the meeting and offered the **spiritual opening**.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of July 19 meeting

Rev. David reported in the **minister's report** that he spent a week as minister in residence at Chautauqua. Since then he's been back working on the Ingathering service, meeting with several UUCF groups and organizing various retreats for groups. The new intern minister (McKinley Sims) and Director of Music and Arts (Laura Weiss) have started and are bringing creative ideas. Bob Swan's memorial service went well. Over 100 people are registered and 13 legislatures are coming to UUCF's "Finding Common Ground: A Reverse Town Hall to End Gun Violence" on September 17. The organizers have done a great job.

Rich Sider presented the **Year-End Financial Report**. Report needs to go out to the congregation by Sept. 30. UUCF ended the year in a strong position. \$35,000 was moved into the Operating Reserve. Hal Fuller moved to accept the report and actions. The motion was seconded by Anthony Salvi and passed with no opposition.

Terri Goplerud is heading a **Supplemental Reach Campaign** to approach new congregants and those who were unable to contribute to the first campaign. The goal is to raise \$100,000 and be able to pay off as much as possible of the \$650,000 balloon payment due in December. If necessary, the balance will be refinanced. There was a short discussion about the effect of not meeting this goal or exceeding the goal. Rev. David spent a few minutes explaining the Board's responsibility to oversee the church's growth and future health.

More information about the **Supplemental Reach Campaign**: Audience: 80 new families and 150 families that were here during the original campaign but did not pledge at that time. Hoping for 100 additional pledges. Board is being asked to help campaign by making 6-7 house

visits each. There would be training. Hoping visits can be held in October and November. Short discussion about the advantages of making individual home visits and the strength of several of the “talking points.” Several members agreed to help.

The three **assessments** to be made this year are of: the Senior Minister’s ministry, the CT and the Board. There followed discussion on setting up criteria for these assessments. Karen has done research on how to establish these types of criteria. Paul suggested other groups (CT, etc.) be asked to give suggestions on how to assess the Board’s effectiveness. Karen suggests the Board members divide into three committees, each charged with running one of the assessments. Jennifer asked to be on the Ministry Assessment. Anthony and Karen also volunteered to be on that committee. Hal and Paul volunteered for the Board Assessment committee. Steve, Peggy and Michael volunteered to be on the CT Assessment committee. Karen will follow up with Judy.

Rev. David suggested the Ministry Assessment committee use a Ministry assessment format, “Beyond the Call”.

Timelines will be agreed upon soon.

There followed a discussion of the usefulness of **Congregational Insights/New Business agenda Item**. The question posed was, “Is it useful to continue the “Congregational Insights” component of the agenda?” Would it make sense to replace it with “New Business?” The discussion evolved. The general feeling was that an open agenda item makes sense. Karen proposed “Congregational Insights” be renamed as “Board Observations.” Karen will come up with a sentence to describe the intent of the item for future agendas.

The Board auction item of a **Spaghetti Dinner** was discussed. The dinner is scheduled for September 23, 6 p.m., in the Commons. 30 people are coming (40 including the Board). Rather than starting with a SignUp Genius, Anthony and Steve are organizing the affair and will let the rest of the Board know how they can help. Karen will set up a SignUp Genius if needed.

It is confirmed that October 14 and 15 (Friday evening and Saturday) are dates for the **Board Retreat**. Friday night will be a potluck at Rev. David’s home. Steve cannot attend Saturday and Judy cannot attend either date. Rich will check to see if the downstairs of the Reston UU church is available for Saturday.

The Trustee Day will be on October 29 – probably at River Road. Trustee Day is for ministers and trustees (boards) of similar large congregations. Unity Consulting is coming in from Minnesota to lead the meeting.

Congregational Insights: None

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2016

Submitted by Peggy Hillman and Judy Gallimore