

# **UUCF Board of Directors Meeting**

## **Dec. 15, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Dec. 15, 2020, 7 p.m.

**Presiding:** Mark Magee

**Secretary:** Meredith Carr

**Attendees:** Meredith Carr, Rev. David Miller, Scott Kestner, Matt Higgins, Lydia Lewis, Mark Magee, Susan Bennett, Rich Williams, Darryl Branting, Kaye Cook, Bill Braband

**Absent:** None

**Welcome:** Mark Magee

**Spiritual Opening/Chalice Reading:** Darryl Branting

**Check-in:** All

### **New Business:**

- Motion to remove Ashley Rothermel as a signer at the bank, leaving Gayathri Tillekeratne, Bill Braband and Joanne Schneider as the current signers is made by Scott Kestner; Darryl Branting seconds; all in favor; the motion carries.
- Everything under the walkway to the Memorial Grove is completely rotted so the estimate has gone from approximately \$13,000 to \$32,000. \$5,200 has already been paid to the company. The situation must be resolved as it is dangerous to leave it as is. Marianne Vitez has left \$10,000 to improve the campus and this would be an appropriate way to use that money. Daryll Branting moves to approve the project with the remainder of funds coming from the gift and the capital reserves; Lydia Lewis seconds the motion; the motion carries.

Bill Braband leaves the meeting.

### **Assistant Minister Search Report:** Anthony Salvi-Exner and Mary Lareau join meeting

- The team was made up of Anthony, Mary, Shannon Williams, Rev. David, Kathy Smerke Hochberg, Mark Magee and Susan Bennett.
- There is a brief review of the initial process that led to a first round of interviews with five candidates and a second round of interviews with three finalists.
- The search team formally and unanimously recommends Rev. Christin Green.

- Search team members feel out of all the extraordinary candidates she was the best and will be a very good fit for UUCF.
- Rev. Christin has a collaborative leadership style and her follow-through was highlighted in the reference conversations.
- The board offers gratitude to the committee for its work.
- It is noted she will need a committee of fellowship to help with her transition and Anthony, Shannon and Kathy have agreed to fill this role for the next 6 months.

Anthony Salvi-Exner and Mary Lareau leave the meeting.

Lydia Lewis motions to formally offer the assistant minister position to Rev. Christin Green. Kaye Cook seconds the motion; all in favor; the motion carries.

**Minutes:** Passed with consent if no one provides corrections.

**Minister's Report:** Rev. David Miller

- The holiday party was fun and it was a nice goodbye to Tyler.
- Karen Wolf and Andrew Batcher have been working on a modified Weekend of Service that will allow members to safely contribute.
- The church is starting to get questions about the vaccine's impact on re-opening. Right now the number of people receiving it is so low it is not part of the discussion right now.
- We have received approximately \$6,500 in response to the year-end mailing for additional contributions.
- We gave out more than 100 goodie bags with candles for the Christmas Eve service.
- Travis Johnson and Becky LoveKing have agreed to join the Generosity Team.
- The leadership training went well.
- Kandi Mitchell is leading the solstice service.
- The pageant is this coming Sunday.

**Treasure Report:** Darryl Branting

- The financial review is almost complete and may be done by January.
- The Payment Protection Program loan forgiveness may happen in alphabetical order.
- We continue to be down in monthly income because of loss of rental income.
- We continue to have a consistent level of connections while monthly attendance is up.
- We are pleased with how stable we continue to be based on historic trends.

**January Town Hall Prep:** Mark Magee

- We want to update on the resource situation.
- Scott will discuss the Generosity Team and the status of the annual Auction.

- Update on pandemic/re-opening of campus.
- Susan can lead the Potomac Partnership update.
- Kaye can lead an update on Living the Faith.
- There will be a formal welcome to Rev. Christin.
- We need to thank Rev. Alice at the meeting as well as send a letter out.

**Board Observations:**

- We want to have the letter for Rev. Alice ready to go at the next meeting.
- The save-the-date for the board-hosted Auction event has gone out and lots of help has been offered.
- We are excited to be able to offer Rev. Christin the job and there is joy in that.

**Process Observer:** Susan Bennett

- There have been a lot of good discussions and when there is dissent it is done in a loving and respectful way.

**Next Meeting:** Jan. 5, 2021, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting will start at 7 p.m.

**Spiritual Opening:** Kaye Cook

**Process Observer:** Lydia Lewis