

UUCF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Feb. 7, 2023

Call to Order: 7 p.m., Feb. 7, 2023

Presiding: Susan Bennett

Secretary: Victoria Maldonado

Attendees: Susan Bennett, Lydia Lewis, Stacy Casey, Victoria Maldonado, Kaye Cook, Megan Reynolds, Meredith Carr, David Addis, David Michael, Reverend Christin

Chalice Lighting: Lydia Lewis

Check-In

Visioning: David Addis and Lydia Lewis

- The board considered the following questions ... If we live fully into our values, what is our transcendent purpose? For whom? Whose lives will we change and in what way?
- Reviewed the 2011 UUCF governance ends statements (“Ends” page on uucf.org).

Consent Agenda

- Jan. 17, 2023 Minutes
 - Lydia Lewis moved to accept the minutes as written; Kaye Cook seconded the motion with unanimous approval from the board.

Minister’s Report: Rev. Christin

- Soul Circles, Young Adult group and LoveFest planning are all going well and interest is high. Currently recruiting for the Pastoral Care team. The Land Acknowledgement Project is almost ready to present its statement and findings. There is interest in forming a 30s/40s group to be led by Libby Ayers.
- Worship is covered through Rev. David’s sabbatical. Healing Service is Mar. 10.
- Visitors Reception on Feb. 19, we have had many visitors plus three new members signed the book on Feb. 5.
- UUCF is hosting next week's Chesapeake UU Ministers Association meeting.
- There is some need and interest in neurodivergent ministries at UUCF, Rev. Christin is looking into it.
- Discussed the internet outages and issues, including considering gathering information about investment in better solutions/service providers. The board would like to know more about our vendor procurement process.
- Pastoral Care: Josiah Weiss is still going through medical challenges.

Computer Funding Request: David Michael

- We have funds remaining in the 2022-23 Endowment Income Reserve that can be used for essential needs of the congregation. Reminder, \$9,820 was approved to grant recipients from the board's fall review of grant proposals.
- Bill submitted a request for \$7,500 for new computers for staff.
- We discussed and walked through how the new Endowment Fund policy process applies to this request.
- David Michael made a motion that we accept Bill Braband's request for \$7,500 of the Endowment Fund for staff computers as an essential congregational need. Lydia Lewis seconded with unanimous approval from the board.

Annual Giving Campaign Goal: David Michael

- David provided a brief financial overview to frame the discussion on the Annual Giving Campaign (AGC). As a group, we considered the primary uses of the funds to be raised.
- The board agreed that the Generosity Team should make the final decision on the AGC fundraising goal amount.

Board Auction Event

- This year's Board Auction event will be another BBQ with the Board at David Michael's home. David will send out a Doodle poll to schedule.

Boards of Potomac Partnership Retreat

- Board members shared observations of the Boards of the Potomac Partnership retreat and the PP in general.

Board Observations

- Journey to Jubilee meeting group, need co-volunteer/lead.
- AGC Team will solicit help from the board for advance calls, a script will be provided.

Process Observer: Stacy Casey

- Good deep conversations with solid listening and respectful of ideas. Supportive of each other's choices and conversations.

Next Meeting: Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Zoom only

Spiritual Opening: Susan Bennett

Chalice Lighting: Meredith Carr

Process Observer: David Addis

Adjourned: 9:14 p.m.