

Minutes of UUCOV Board of Trustee's Meeting

Board of Trustee's Meeting April 14th 2015 9:30am

In attendance: Joel Morrison, Peter Hurley, Earl Baumruck, Rev. Khleber Van Zandt. V, Marian Fox, Dave Lyon, Bill Dowling, Erin Fangboner

The meeting was called to order, and a check in by the members was completed.

Rev. Khleber opened the meeting with a reading and chalice lighting.

March 10 meeting minutes: Joel asked for any changes to the minutes from last meeting, there were none and the minutes were approved as circulated.

Peter reported for Fiscal year 2015. Pledge income was \$5,000 short of goal, however increased Sunday offerings made up for that. All in all it was a good year. Joel had a question: with respect to the \$30,000 set aside last year into a special reserve fund, did we use any? Yes we used about two thousand. The \$5000 overrun by the Settled Minister Selection Committee was taken from these restrictive reserves to cover that loss. There is now \$28,000 in the reserve fund. Overall we are within \$1000 dollars of the FY 15 budget.

The Fiscal 2016 Budget was passed at annual meeting. It did not include some additional requests which arrived after March 1. These additions have been added as well as some minor changes to committee activities. The revised budget is \$303,675 with the additional expenditures offset by expected gains in the Sunday offerings and pledges. A motion to accept the budget at \$303,675 was made by Earl and seconded by Dave Lyon. The motion carried.

Bill Reported on the Solar Panel project for the Sanctuary: Randy at Harrimans stated that we are number 22 on FPL's reserve list. We are still waiting to be approved. Bill was told that the likelihood of our receiving funding is very high, and he is moving ahead as if we are already approved. In response to a notice in the *Happenings*, we have received a financial donation of \$10,000. It was announced Sunday as a challenge grant meaning that the donors will match up to \$10,000 in donations by others. Meeting this challenge will give us \$20,000 of the \$40,000 we need for the project.

Joel stated that our by-laws require us to submit a project of this size to a vote by the congregation. A notification for a Called meeting of the congregation must be made 21 days in advance. Rev. Khleber suggested that the Called meeting be scheduled for May 10, 2015. Dave made a motion to take the solar panel project to the congregation on May 10th. Bill seconded, and the motion passed. Bill stated that Joel will need to sign the documents to move forward, when/if we are approved. Joel agreed. It was

decided that it does not need a motion as it is logical that any major contract would be signed by the President of the Board.

Dave Lyon's Report: Long Range Planning: We are now over 200 members, and we are growing. Venice is also growing north and east of our location. We are also continually growing in the number of activities outside of our Congregation that we are participating in. We have been developing a long range plan for our campus which would change our traffic pattern and include a possible Fellowship Hall. But we are unsure whether we are ready to embark on a large capital campaign.

Driving Factor: Our understanding is that Pinebrook is going to extend northward to Honore, which will change the local traffic circulation around UUCOV and IVMS. Removing the shell drive and installing a road on the western edge of our property should alleviate the problem. At present we perceive that IVMS is more interested in buying the necessary land from UUCOV and building the new road than in leasing the land from UUCOV. UUCOV is not as interested in selling the land.

A new building was also discussed. A major question arose? What are we going to use this building for? We need to build it for a purpose. This raised a larger question that led to a discussion of Stewardship. At the last meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee, John Spritzer discussed and offered that (handout) "Stewardship offers the members the opportunity to support the mission and values of the church". John added "Rather than as the mechanisms for raising funds for the church". Stewardship is not money, it may lead to money but it is not only money.

The discussion led to a determination that we need a Stewardship committee. Dave made a motion to form a Stewardship committee. Peter proposed making the Team Leader of Finance the Stewardship leader. Motion by Dave. "Change the name of Team Leader of Finance to the Team Leader of Stewardship". Seconded by Marian. Motion passed. Discussion then continued on whether or not we would have a Stewardship Committee or if it would be the Team Leader of Stewardship to decide to form a committee or just to have one person to do this.

It was suggested that we hold a "Next Steps" weekend to assess where we are in both Stewardship and Long Range Planning. Dave passed out copies from a book by W. Clark that explained how to make an assessment of where UUCOV is in stewardship. A sample "Next Steps" weekend was distributed (handout). The cost for this is about \$3,000. Dave made a motion to contact UUA and set up a consultant to hold a "Next Steps" workshop at UUCOV late in the year. The motion passed to proceed with the "Next steps" weekend costing \$3000.

Rev. Khleber presented a concern/action item. "It has finally been made abundantly clear to me now that members of the Board and representatives on the Coordinating Council have vastly different understandings about the role of those serving on the

CC. I believe our system of governance is in danger of breaking down even further if we don't find a constructive way to rectify this situation.

Joel noted that the Coordinating Council is defined in the policy and procedure s manual. He will be passing out descriptions to each team leader at the coordinating council meeting on Monday. The topic is on the agenda for the CC meeting May 20.

Approval of Team Leaders: Ten of eleven team leaders have already been approved by the Board. Social Justice is the Team without an approved leader. Steve Batchelor and Phil Veach have agreed to be the team leaders on Social justice. They will maintain the Team Leaders for Lifespan Education for another two months or so. Motion moved by Dave, seconded by Joel and approved.

Proposal from Facilities Team for enlargement of Florida Gardens. The proposal asks to do Florida friendly landscapes in two campus areas. If the total cost is less than a thousand dollars it is up to Richard Palmer, as Team Leader, to approve. If the total is in excess of \$1000, the Board would have to approve the overage. Joel asked if the Board had any objections to moving forwards towards Florida Friendly Landscaping. It was also noted that the Pond has a fund for maintenance and it was suggested that Facilities use that fund for the work on the space between the sanctuary and the pond. Everyone was in agreement.

Finalize board goals. and Homework task: Board members should come forth with goals that they would like to pursue this new year. Board members should also review the covenant and bring any changes or additions to the next meeting.

Two services: Dave made a motion to end the two services on Mother's day May 10th . On May 10th there would be one service and the Called meeting of the Congregation. Marian seconded the motion and it was approved.

Rev. Khleber suggested the week after our service at the beach in September as the date to move to two services again. That will need Board approval at a later time.

Next meeting May 12th at 930am in Asta Linder House.

Erin Fangboner