

UUCOV Board of Trustees

Minutes

December 8, 2016

9:30 AM Asta Linder

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Dave Lyon. Quorum was met.

Present in Asta Linder: Dave Lyon, Linda Underwood, Peter Hurley, Donna Schafer, Elaine Carlson, Linda Kabo, Richard Palmer and Khleber Van Zandt

Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2016 Minutes approved via email.

Monthly Reports and Correspondence:

Presidents report: Dave Lyon reported that he worked on packing food for the Backpack Kids, attended the Stewardship Committee meeting, the Common Good meeting and introduced the Donation Box concept and the discontinuation of the Collection Basket except for Special Collection Sundays. During this time he also bought a new house in Venice, sold his condo and moved.

Vice Presidents report: Linda Underwood's report contains an impressive amount of activity by the committees. This includes: new signage, noise abatement on the lanai, enlargement of the front patio and new landscaping for the area. She also reported that the end of life focus was well attended and well received. Stewardship committee has mailings ready to go for the January house parties and that the donation boxes are ready for use. The stewardship committee is also going to be encouraging the use of electronic bill pay for submission of pledges.

Minister's report: Khleber highlighted that he and Jaye are working on programming for Aston Gardens because our membership of residents there is increasing. He also has hired a childcare person for Sundays with Jonathan heading off to college.

Treasurers report: Peter Hurley's report highlights that we took in \$33,358 in operating budgeted income and had budgeted expenses of \$21,931. To cover the expenses of building maintenance of \$10,500, which was approved by the board last month, he decreased the capital reserves to cover that amount.

Unfinished Business

Signing the board covenant: the board read the covenant in unison and signed it. It was placed back on the wall in Waters Hall.

Old Business

January leadership conference: Team leaders are encouraged to look for future leaders and encourage them to attend this conference. Members of the congregation can also self nominate if they are interested in becoming a leader and also the board can nominate people. Deadline for this process is December 15. The cost of the conference will be covered by the administration team's budget.

Bonnie Norton is coordinating the conference and Dave Lyon will coordinate attendance.

New Business

Mission statement Friday night's pre-conference meeting on January 20th with Kenn and Connie will be exploring "Why are we here for ourselves, for our congregation and for the outside world?" to help focus our energies and interests. This may serve as beginning point in the reworking of our UUCOV Mission. In January the board will revisit this for next steps.

Should we plan a Southwest cluster conference at UUCOV? A motion was made and approved for a Southwest cluster conference at UUCOV to focus on the proposal to amend the US Constitution. Kindra Muntz and the Common Good committee will be working on this conference. The date for this conference has not been set yet. The Secretary will inform Kindra of this approval.

Wish list items

- 1) YRE request for \$250 for a folding picnic table to be used where needed was approved for congregational funding and not for the Wish List.
- 2) YRE request for \$800 for a TV and a Blu-ray player for Asta Linder common room was approved with the cost split between the YRE and Family Promise through congregational funding and not the Wish List.
- 3) Building and Maintenance and Sunday Morning Experience requested 8 benches for the new patio area and as replacements for benches that are deteriorating. Each bench will cost between \$1200 and \$1600. The board approved purchasing one bench as a test with congregational funding. The remaining seven benches will be available for congregants who may like to dedicate a bench through the Wish List once the efficacy of the bench is tested.
- 4) YRE requested \$150 for a rocking chair for nursing mothers. Request was not approved at this time due to lack of space and unsightliness of our overcrowded lanai coupled with no nursing mothers. This request maybe revisited if the need arises.

Linda Underwood will contact Wish List committees to inform them of decisions.

YRE request for a \$250 going away gift for Jonathan for three years of YRE work was approved as a scholarship to Jonathan. The Secretary will advise Jaye Williams of the board's decision.

Select dates in February for general assembly orientation and recruitment.

Khleber will find a date in February. The focus of this orientation is to find people that would be interested in going to General assembly to represent this congregation and to inform those interested in the scholarships that are available for attendees.

FYI

Gulf Coast community foundation is doing a presentation on Wednesday, December 14 at 2 o'clock for those interested in areas of need around Venice.

Board members asked for updated copies of the policies. These will be provided to all board members prior to the January meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting

January 12, 2017

Agenda item: Role of board members in congregational activities.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

Submitted by Donna Schafer, Secretary