

UUCOV Board of Trustees

Minutes of September 12, 2019 Meeting

Call to Order

- President Linda Underwood called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- Chalice reading and check in
- Members present: Linda Underwood, Dave Lyon, Ken Boysworth, Steve Leapley, Pam MacFarlane, Richard Palmer - quorum met
- Also present: Reverend Van Zandt

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes were approved via email

Monthly Reports

- **President's Report** – No report
- **Vice-President's Report** – CC minutes distributed and attached. Conflict noted between agreement last board meeting and the CC meeting about the charge for Thanksgiving. It was agreed upon that the cost per meal would be charged with anyone not able to pay to be covered by the ministerial fund.
- **Minister's Report** – As distributed and attached. A question was brought up regarding the requirements for enrollment of children and the inclusion of YRE parents in the congregation. How are we inviting them to become members of the congregation? An issue of communication with them was identified as many are not part of our computer list and will not receive mailings. Needs a discussion that includes our RE Director.
- **Treasurer's Report** – As distributed and attached. The confidence in this report has grown and we are more aware of our resources. Summer is always tight for pledge revenue. It appears that a month by month look at revenue is not helpful as many are paying their pledges annually.

A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of the boxes vrs passing the basket. This issue was moved to "New Business".

Old Business

- **Sabbatical Planning** – No new information on the planned Meet/Greet Weekend but the Sabbatical Planning Committee is meeting in mid September to firm this up. The board is aware of the dates and will attempt to make themselves available. It was suggested that CC be included in any leadership meeting with Rev. McCarty.
- **Safety** – Lengthy discussion on window treatments for the Sanctuary. Steve Leapley made a motion, seconded by Ken Boysworth to apply window tinting to the four egress doors. Dave Lyons made a motion seconded by Richard Palmer to amend the motion to include the two doors off the lanai. The amended motion did not pass. Nor did the initial motion. Members wish to actually see a building with this tinting. Of concern is visibility at night and the possible lack of sunlight during the day. We were reminded that the sanctuary has many uses at many different times of the day. Our decision needs to be carefully thought out.

All agree that something needs to be done as our current vertical blinds are on their last legs. This subject will on the agenda in October and materials regarding cost of blinds shared prior to the meeting as well as the opportunity to see a tinted window.

New Business

- **Insurance on the Sanctuary** – our current insurance agency has asked us to do some work in response to a drone survey of our building. Ken Boysworth has done some research and questions the necessity and the validity of the report. Ken Boysworth and the Campus Team will communicate with our existing provider and will also initiate a rebidding of our policy.

- **Policies and Procedures** – The three policies and procedures presented (CC/Teams, Online Voting at Annual Meetings, and By-Laws Committee) were recommended for acceptance through a motion by Dave Lyon, seconded by Steve Leapley. Motion was passed.
- **Caring Team/Social Justice Team Leader Appointments** – the board agreed to the recommendation from the president that Eileen Leapley be appointed chair of the Caring Team and Barbara Beuhring be appointed to chair of the Social Justice Team. The Board is appreciative of their willingness to continue the good work of both of these committees.
- **Stewardship** (item identified during Treasurer's Report Discussion) – the issue of how best to support stewardship. We entered into an experiment with introducing donation boxes instead of passing the basket. Donations in the boxes are very low. Is there a better way? We have to consider both members who pledge and should not be constantly asked for money and visitors. An issue raised was feedback from new members/visitors that with no basket and free social events that we appear not to need their support. This is not a message we want to send just as much as we do not want to be constantly asking for money.

A meeting is being arranged with Stewardship Committee members and others for November and they will be asked to review this question and to meet with the Finance Committee to develop a plan. One suggestion was to consider passing the basket and that money go to Social Justice projects. Currently Social Justice has a budget line of \$5,000 annually.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, October 22nd at 9:30 in Water's Hall due to schedule conflicts of several members. Agenda Items – Safety - Blinds: Endowment designation.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Underwood
Acting Secretary