

UUCOV Board of Trustees

Minutes of January 16, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order

- Vice-President Pam MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- Chalice lighting and check in
- Members present: Pam MacFarlane, Dave Lyon, Richard Palmer, Ken Boysworth, Steve Leapley and Claire Harrison. Also present, Reverend Khleber Van Zandt and David Jewett. Quorum met

Thank You Notes

A thank you note will be sent to Dave Williams and Bob Knudsen for having made yet another beautiful credenza.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approved as distributed via email.

Monthly Reports

- President's Report – No President's report as Linda is on vacation.
- Vice-President's Report – As distributed and attached. Coordinating Council met on January 7. Three fundraising events are scheduled including a Broadway revue, storyteller Elizabeth Ellis, and a trivia night. Teams have been advised to review UUCOV policies and procedures.
- Minister's Report – As distributed and attached. When Reverend Khleber returns from his sabbatical a focus will be on developing a Committee on Ministry. Although the agenda reflects one new member there have been eight new members joining UUCOV since our last meeting. Claire suggested that a review of possible members to consider for status of member emeritus be considered prior to our annual meeting.
- Treasurer's Report – Only 48 annual giving reports were mailed with all others having been delivered via email. A corrected financial report emailed this morning reflects two major expenses coming up including insurance and \$10,000 designated for the Futures Fund. Our pledge campaign will commence this Sunday. A total of \$6,100 was generated from the trip group. Ken suggested including as a budget expense item the establishment of an escrow account for future sabbatical leaves.

Old Business

- Sabbatical Planning – Reverend Dennis McCarty arrives on Monday and will be working with Reverend Khleber over the upcoming week. January 26th service will include formal turning over of the pulpit from Reverend Khleber to the congregation with the congregation then entrusting it to Reverend McCarty.
- Lanai Decorating/Safety/Accessibility - Linda and Steve are scheduled to go “drapery shopping” when she returns from her trip. Steve made recommendation that a fire drill be conducted at a Sunday service. Discussed that this is done in some congregations. Reverend Khleber will check in with other local ministers to see if this is done in their respective churches/congregations.
- Sunday Collection - Linda forwarded notes from the congregational conversation held on Wednesday, December 18th to discuss whether to resume passing of the basket on a weekly basis versus continuing with the current method of donation boxes. Steve Leapley made the motion seconded by Ken Boysworth that we resume passing the basket on a weekly basis.

Discussion followed questioning whether we were short-changing the process and whether there was a need to look at other ways we might strengthen giving. Also mentioned was that a relatively small number of folks attended the meeting. Discussion of things we might do included: thanking people for their donations from the pulpit on a more regular basis; reporting what is received on a regular basis; and reminding people that we do not pass the basket on a weekly basis but that there are donation boxes at both doors and that donations are appreciated and needed. Also suggested was that the current placement of the donation boxes may not be the best and might do better if relocated to more visible area inside the Sanctuary. Following this discussion, Steve withdrew the motion to resume passing the basket on a weekly basis. Claire asked whether the issue might be one to consider bringing up at the annual meeting. Given that the original decision to move from passing the basket to having donation boxes was made by the Board of Trustees, it remains in the purview of the Board to make any changes to current method.

New Business

- Medical Debt – Steve presented some preliminary information on a program he has read about known as “RIP Medical Debt” which buys medical debt for designated areas which eliminates medical debt for people who meet the program’s criteria. Example given by Steve was if organization such as UUCOV were to make a \$15,000 pledge a total of \$1.5 million in medical debts would be eliminated for eligible people in specified geographic area. Number of questions raised and Steve volunteered to obtain more information. No action taken by the Board at this time.
- Policy and Procedures – As Linda is key to the discussion, the motion was made by Dave Lyon and seconded by Pam MacFarlane to defer this item to next month’s meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Future Fundraising, Auction, and the Budget –
Auction - auction will be included in the budgeted amount of \$10,000 for next fiscal year. Pam has already volunteered to head up the auction next year.
Travel & Trips – based on this year’s revenue generated from the annual trip, \$6,000 will be included in income for next year.
Special Events – will include other various fundraising activities with \$3,000 being included for this line item. While discussing this line item in light of fundraising activities being undertaken in this current year, Steve spoke of having recently attended a talk about Mennonites and Amish people in this area given by J.B. Miller. Steve volunteered to contact Mr. Miller to explore doing this as a UUCOV fundraiser.

Other Business

- Question of possibility of increasing broadband width at UUCOV was raised. Campus Team will be asked to further explore this possibility.

Next Meeting

- Scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Asta Linder at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. Board then went into Executive session to discuss salaries and wages for FY’21.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Harrison. Secretary