

UUCM Board Meeting February 4, 2018

Attending: Dave Anderson, Bob Ackerman, John Stewart, Peggy Bell, Dan Hunter, Robin Zucker, Marty Thaeler

Minister's Report (Robin Zucker)

- Six new members joined the congregation last Sunday. Certified membership is now 94.
- Bulletin board has been stripped and will be refurbished with fresh backing and a more organized setup. Robin and Jodi will see to this. Additional lighting in the area will be considered. The chair storage has been relocated to the parlor, with a screen in front.
- Mention of a need for more consistency, “branding”, a theme to run throughout our publications and postings.
- Mentioned use of a screen and projector in the sanctuary during Sunday services.
- Pulpit assistants, ushers and coffee hour hosts to be assigned for 6 month periods. Members still invited to sign up on dates they prefer.
- General Assembly registrations begin in March.
- Grief support group to be advertised in the Tribune.
- Shayna Morrison attended OWL training.

Dave Anderson

- Discussed use of the “library” – additional bathroom? Retain part for a small library, or store books elsewhere?
- Discussed ways of attracting more families/children to RE.

John Stewart

- W2s and other end-of-year tasks are completed.
- Passed out 2/2/17 Vital Signs, inserted as part of minutes. We are in the black! John aims to keep \$500 in the Plus Debit Account. Endowment increased, though we used \$15,000 for painting. No monies were taken from endowment yet this year.
- Will ask Mike Thomson for update from the financial committee, report on investments etc for next board meeting.
- Trying to get Quick Books up and running. John feels a need to buy their on-line payroll package, which is around \$500/year (can be less with sales or discounts) as an add-on to our current Quick Books program. **Bob Ackerman moved we authorize John to spend up to \$500 to get the payroll addition. Dan Hunter seconded, motion passed.**
- Need for guidelines as to how the treasurer job is done. We agreed we actually need institutional guidelines for the church as a whole so new officers etc don't come in and change methods.
- Audit: Last one was for 2015, so we need to do another one. Bob Ackerman will contact Mike Thomson, Jane Anderson, perhaps Rick Holmgren about doing an audit by April 15. He will ask them to look into procedures as well.

Dan Hunter

- Winterfest is coming up – Saturday Feb 17, noon to 4 PM. Discussed having bonfires – these can be done on church property, but no longer on city property. We use a raised fireplace, controlled probably in a burn barrel. **Peggy Bell moved we have a bonfire on church property for Winterfest. John Stewart seconded. Motion passed.**

- Dance Night last Friday was attended by 23-25 people.
- The recent Game Night attracted around 16 people.
- Blarney Breakfast is not yet planned.
- Our events are listed on the community calendar in the Tribune.

Peggy Bell

- Number of accredited members: 94
- Need ideas for fun raising activities. Peggy talked to the Bakers about another garage sale on their property, but they aren't wild about the idea. Actually the location is not ideal for a garage sale. Use of Peggy's and/or Deb's house instead? John mentioned that raising funds seems more successful when we state a specific goal or purpose.
- All new members but one have already made a pledge.
- Need for shades or tinting of windows in Arthur Room for when we watch movies etc. Bob Ackerman will contact Larry's tint shop about this.

Bob Ackerman

- Would like to have list of specific service people – electric, plumber, furnace etc. Jodi can give him companies we have been using.
- Give Bob our Federal ID# to avoid paying sales tax.
- We discussed a 5 year special fund raising plan to coordinate with the church's bicentennial (2025 is the bicentennial).

General Assembly

- Kansas City, Missouri June 20 to June 24, 2017. Registration is \$350, and registrations begin March 1.
- Discussion of who will attend included Lynn Lynes, the RE Director (Christina), Dan Hunter will consider going, and Bob Ackerman is interesting in attending.

Other Business

The church is becoming more active and successful with outreach programs. Success leaves us more open to being noticed, and also more vulnerable, since lots of people are using are building. We need policies and procedures regarding safety, emergencies, and responsibilities of outsiders who use our facilities. These should cover anything from a toilet overflowing to a terrorist attack. Robin checked online and found churches with policies already in place, and published. Also, check out the UUA website under "safe congregations". Dave will look into all these.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM Next meeting is March 4. Marty will continue to send out reminders. Please submit agenda items to Dave Anderson by the Tuesday before each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Thaeler, Clerk