

UUCM Board Meeting

March 4, 2018

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

Minister's Report (Rev Robin)

Robin is pleased with the increased church attendance in recent weeks, a result of many factors: quality programming including integration of the various program elements; community visibility, increased church outreach activities i.e. SURJ, the youth center, first Fridays, second Saturdays, etc.

Sharon Kaplan and others will work with the minister on upgrading the bulletin boards.

The grief group hasn't caught on to any extent, will keep plugging on that.

Pastoral care: Robin is pleased with the connectivity and support present in our church; it is particularly helpful since she is not here full-time.

The picture directory is almost completed. The new membership welcome is on Easter.

Treasurer's Report (John Stewart)

John passed out a written report. In sum: Checking account balance is down \$4000 since last month. The endowment has taken a hit because of "national policies". The revised pledge amount is \$77,632 (up since the annual meeting). Received year to date totaled \$18,000 by end of February. YTD expenses are \$15,000.

Discussion of UUA/District dues (we moved in December to pay \$3500). Depending on how our cash flow goes, we considered paying ½ now (or by June), and the other half in the fall. Robin noted that they request 6.75% of a church's operating budget, which for us is \$119,827; our fair share of that would be \$8,088.

As a way to promote the use of VANCO (on-line payment of pledges/donations/etc), we will do an insert in the order of service to explain it.

We need to meet with an accountant to get answers to questions about tax status for CLF (early learning center) and any other organizations which use our space. John will contact a representative of Church Mutual to request a meeting to review our policies. More building use = more liability. Dave will also attend as his schedule permits.

Robin asked how much remains in her slush fund account; John will find out for her. **Peggy moved that Robin may also draws from Leadership Development and Denominational Affairs as appropriate, Carlin seconded, motion passed.** One use of these funds would be to pay registrations for 3 members attending GA in June. Bob Ackerman is definitely interested in attending.

We purchased the payroll package discussed at the last board meeting, and it is installed.

We have a card reader for the Blarney breakfast; Peggy volunteered to be there to receive the payments.

Vice-President (Bob Ackerman)

A drain line has been relocated to eliminate mold problems. The window tint has been installed in the Arthur Room. We need to address the leak in the kitchen.

Dave talked to Doug Lodge about the parish house roof, and is asking for a quote on 3 different sections which are in need or repair or possible replacement. The kitchen is the most

urgent.

Mission Team Coordinator (Dan Hunter)

Proceeds from First Friday dance nights are \$189 from the 6 we have had, and people seem enthusiastic about it. Anywhere from 17 to 20 or 30 people attend each time. We coordinate some outside activities with the Meadville Neighborhood Center, and that helps in covering some of our expenses. **Bob moved to allow Narcotics Anonymous to host a dance on March 23 at 9 PM, at which NA will pay for the DJ, while we will receive a portion of the donations; Peggy seconded, motion passed.** There will be an Easter egg hunt on March 22 or 23.

Dan suggested painting scenes celebrating various events or celebrations on one or two of our Arthur Room windows; he will look into pricing for paint, and will work with Sharon Kaplan and the RE director on the project. Discussed also asking Amelia Carr for her input. The point of this would be to showcase RE activities, a community event, or a holiday.

Stewardship (Peggy Bell)

Membership totals 101 now. New members have been informed about VANCO. Two church members have expressed interest in hosting the May garage sale.

Flower communion is May 20, which is also when we will do outside planting. Peggy mentioned the mud at the end of the sidewalk, and how it gets tracked into our buildings. It was pointed out that the mud belongs to the bank, not to us.

Out-Reach Coordinator (Carlin Almes)

Carlin and Leigh Lynes have been working on the Easter potluck, and a sign up sheet is posted.

Church picnic is August 19 and a shelter has been rented at Roche Park. Then we discussed alternate locations which we will revisit at the next board meeting since we still have time to change our minds. We may also plan a picnic for the May 20 workday, and possibly have it outside, weather permitting.

The next board meeting is April 15. Members are encouraged to submit written reports as a way to streamline the meeting. Also, please send items you want to discuss to Dave by the Tuesday before the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Thaeler, Clerk