

UUCM Board Meeting May 6, 2018

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

Minister's Report (Rev Robin)

Church attendance has been good, and includes some new faces and a few folks we haven't seen for a while. Promotion works! Today was a good example of collaboration resulting in a service where all the elements meshed. The writing group, which was scheduled to wind down, is enthusiastic about continuing until June 4, and will also restart in the fall. The congregation will need to form a search committee for a permanent minister in the fall. Caron Carnahan, who conducted the service a couple weeks ago and presented the UU history series, will have her Commissioning Service on May 20. She will also offer an adult ed program this fall. Leigh Lynes will be attending G.A. this year. Todd Fox is expected to put together some material regarding legacy giving. Shayna Morrison has completed OWL training and is eager to begin classes. If we open this to the public, (requiring waivers and parental education as well), it would be another means of community outreach. Flower Communion is May 20. The Board briefly discussed the formation of a "tech team", no decision was reached.

Finance (John Stewart)

The checking account has dropped to \$9945 (a \$5700 decrease); it is usually in the range of \$12,000 to \$20,000. There were recent extra/unusual expenses recently: window tinting, UUA dues, payroll package, property taxes of \$622 (because of the pre-school space upstairs), a bonus to Amy Reash, etc. The endowment has dropped \$9000 in value. Pledge payments were high in April, but the summer slump is coming. Pledge income is on track with that of previous years. The endowment is \$358,172.22. We will need to use part of it for the parish house roof (see later business).

We are saving \$3000 in custodial wages because Chuck is employed through an outside non-profit. That amount will be kept separate for now. The church has 3 debit cards, currently Jodi Sipos and Deb Lehman each have one. Generally they are for President, Vice-President and Administrative Assistant. We will cancel Deb's card, and give Bob Ackerman one; Dave Anderson says he doesn't want one.

Out-reach (Peggy Bell for Carlin Almes)

Carlin is working on picnic plans for garden/grounds work day. We need to finalize the church picnic location; Bob offered his property and the Board agreed. He has a picnic shelter, we need to rent a port-a-potty. Activities can include hiking, fishing, hay ride etc.

Stewardship (Peggy Bell)

Chuck (custodian) likes to go dumpster diving; he and Peggy are doing so this week, looking for useful items, salable items etc. The church garage sale is June 15-16 at Michelle Baker's home, as it was last year.

Mission (Dan Hunter)

The teen lounge in the basement is getting close to opening. There is a need to clarify rules and policies and responsibilities, and to be sure it is properly supervised. Bob will meet with Lee

Scandinaro regarding this.

Children's R.E.

We noted that the current child care person is not available during the summer. We need to find someone who has passed the necessary background checks to fill in.

Properties (Bob Ackerman)

The joint UUCM/YM dumpster has become a "community dumpster", with outside persons using it; sometimes they don't even put the garbage inside it; sometimes they leave illegal items (e.g. tires). The YM pays for the dumpster, and we give them a parking space. We discussed putting a camera in the area; also, there will probably be additional lighting in the area when the teen center opens.

Dave will be attaching a locked fire-box to one of the church pillars; it will hold keys to the church and parish house for the fire department to be able to get inside either structure if necessary. Since someone stole a church key, the lock on the church has been changed. Also, we need to change the parish house code every 2-3 months and keep track of who has the codes. Unauthorized people have been seen using the mechanism.

We have had ongoing parish house roof leaks, and patching has been done, but the material is rotting/wearing out. Bob handed out copies of quotes from Fuller Building Group of \$22,600 for the entire parish house roof, plus another \$2500 to replace the kitchen wooden roof deck. We are also awaiting recommendations from Doug Lodge about slate replacement/repair. We need to have a congregational meeting before June 17 regarding using funds from the endowment, and will try for June 10.

Peggy typed up the Building Use Policy and Guidelines and emailed same to board members. Please review this document and offer comments and suggestions. All agreed that we need to be pickier about enforcement of the policy.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Thaeler, Clerk