

UUCM Board Meeting

June 3, 2018

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

Finance (John Stewart)

Cash balance had decreased due to extra expenses and a lessening of pledge income. Remind folks to keep pledges up to date. We will use the VANCO handout in the order of service once again, and that Sunday have a demonstration after church about how it works. The pre-school will continue to pay rent through the summer even though they will not be in session (\$500/month). John withdrew \$4000 from the endowment to keep the checkbook balance in the black (likes to keep around \$9-10,000 in the account).

Minister's Report (Robin Zucker)

People seem to appreciate changing the background and print in the B&B. Arthur Room windows are decorated. Jodi is doing a great job, very capable and working more independently. We are using Facebook for church outreach and "advertising". The children's RE was very successful this year; Dr. Seuss worked out well. In the fall they will be talking about creation myths. Adult RE will probably use "Coming of Age at Any Age". The writing group is ongoing. Caron Carnahan was commissioned, and she will conduct an adult RE program for us as well. She and Leigh Lynes will be rooming together at G.A. Robin met with Fran Smith regarding the pastoral team. Robin remarked the everyday peer-to-peer care in our church is very good. The Worship Committee has the summer pretty well planned, and fall planning is underway. A weak link in our structure is the lack of a membership team for better follow-up with visitors. She would like to see two members of the congregation take this on.

Out-Reach (Carlin Almes)

She will be meeting this week to set up the July to December coffee hour schedule. She will check out the picnic venue, and reports we will probably have ham (not chicken) this year.

Mission (Dan Hunter)

Dan would like to acquire additional ideas for fund raising, will check the UU website plus nearby churches for ideas and hopefully can present more ideas by the next board meeting. June is Pride Month, and Thunder in the City is coming (big motorcycle cruise-in). We've attempted some activities during T in the C in the past, but didn't cover costs, but it would be good to have some kind of presence during these types of activities. Children's activities? On June 22 the overdose prevention coalition is having an event on the diamond from 5-7 PM. Dan will flesh out what activities we could offer, though we can't have folks wandering all over the parish house. **Peggy moved that as long as a responsible member is present, we allow the parish house to be used; Bob seconded, motion carried.**

Minister's Professional Fund

We discussed our response on May 13 to Robin's request for monies from her professional fund, and all agreed that a total misunderstanding occurred and we need to work on developing trust, and in understanding how the Fund is intended to function. Robin stated the interim period is used to

explore issues we have trouble with and move forward from there, and to keep faith with one another, be kind and patient, and communicate more openly.

Properties (Bob Ackerman)

Bob contacted five roofers, two of which responded and inspected the roof. Both agreed the roof needs to be replaced. The two respondents were Fuller in Meadville, and a company in Erie. We agreed to use Fuller; Dave suggested we ask the congregation for \$32,000 from the endowment fund. **Peggy moved we call for a congregation meeting on June 17 to request \$32,000 from the endowment for roof replacement; Dan seconded; motion passed.** We will announce the meeting in the next B&B and next Sunday in church.

Stewardship (Peggy Bell)

The church garage sale is June 15-16. Peggy will pick up items to take to Baker's upon request. She suggested we have a "bring your scrap metal to church" drive, as this is a source of funds as well. The Rental/Building use policy needs to be completely re-written, and Dave said Elizabeth Spadefore (local attorney) has agreed to look through our policy.

Early Learning Center (Deb Lehman)

Deb is our liaison to Creating Landscape's Early Learning Center. The Center closes over the summer, but will continue to pay rent during that time. They have applied for various grants and have yet to hear about them; they received a 4-star evaluation within 6 months of opening, which is quite an achievement. They expect the rent to raise in the fall and want to know by the end of July what that figure will be. We will arrive at a definite figure at the July board meeting; \$1000 was mentioned; Deb said they should be able to afford that if their grants come through. Marty was asked to prompt board members to conduct e-mail discussion about this in the meantime.

Next board meeting will be July 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Thaeler, Clerk