

UUCM Board Meeting September 30, 2018

Attending: Dave Anderson, Carlin Almes, John Stewart, Peggy Bell, Marty Thaeler, Deb Lehman, Corinne Chafey

Corinne Chafey and Deb Lehman attended the meeting to represent the Early Learning Center and to make a proposal on its behalf. A formal written plan was provided; in essence, the ELC in its early formative stage is not up to full attendance, and is experiencing budget difficulties to the extent that it has eliminated as much as it could from its operating budget, including cutting salaries to 78% of the originals. They request a temporary reduction of the rent by the same percentage; rent would then be \$741/month. They propose raising the salaries and the rental as enrollment increases. Full enrollment is 17 students, and when that is achieved, salaries and rental would revert to 100% as well.

Discussion followed, during which all agreed that \$741 certainly covers any extra expense to the church. **Peggy Bell moved that UUCM lower the rent to \$741/month for the remainder of the lease year, until August 31, 2019. Carlin Almes seconded; motion passed.** Dave Anderson mentioned the need to review our rentals and policies. We could also consider naming ELC as a share-the-plate recipient, and possibly the partial funding of a scholarship to ELC.

President's Report (Dave Anderson)

The Youth Cafe in the basement is about to open; they have done a good job fixing up the space. We should invite their representative(s) to the next board meeting to review policies and procedures with them. We also need to clear an emergency exit through the furnace room out the east side of the building. Currently the church has lots of items stored in that area.

Barb Newcamp is considering filling the Mission post from which Dan Hunter recently resigned; that would include 2019. Also for the 2019 slate, we need new officers for Stewardship (currently Peggy Bell) and Mission (currently Carlin Almes). Marty Thaeler will report back on who the current Trustees are (checking back at least 2 years), as we will elect a new Trustee in December.

Treasurer (John Stewart)

John is working to get numbers together for the 2019 budget. He reports problems still with QuickBooks; payroll is working well, checkbook balance is positive, and bills are being paid; but there are various pieces/parts not well accounted for. Mike Baker is helping as well, and if things don't get straightened out John would like to consult with a local accounting firm recommended by Christian Maher. The Board agreed that is a good idea, first to get an estimate of the cost and proceed from there. John will provide a treasurer's report for September when QuickBooks is working satisfactorily.

Properties (Dave Anderson for Bob Ackerman)

We need to have someone check out the three 15 year old furnaces in the sanctuary. Dave discovered that either there are no cold air returns or they have been covered with carpeting, resulting in overworked and uneconomical furnaces. In addition, the condensate needs to drip outside the building and right now it drips into the basement. Dave will take a closer look to see, from underneath, where the original returns are.

Mission (Carlin Almes)

There are two lunches coming up for the new member classes, October 7 and 14. Carlin will assist Peggy with the Canvass Breakfast. Leigh Lynes will head up the Thanksgiving dinner as Carlin will be out of town.

Stewardship (Peggy Bell)

Pledge cards were distributed at church today, and Peggy will mail the remaining cards. The Sustainers' reception is October 6, 7-9 PM, at Dan and Karen Mason's home. The Pledge Breakfast is October 21 at 9 AM. The 4th quarter reports will go out this week. Peggy noted that some folks are way behind on their pledges, and a good many people who are officially church members do not pledge any amount.

Peggy Bell, Peggy Mogosh, Rev Robin, and Michelle Baker organized a private event for Saturday October 20 at Ooh-La-La. Bring a friend, bring clothing to donate. There will be refreshments and prizes, and UUCM will receive 15% of the sales that evening.

We will be doing the 2019 budget at the next board meeting, November 4.

Other

Dave proposed we put off reviewing the Policies and Procedures until 2019. Also, the Board needs to officially vote on the Search Committee: Leigh Lynes, Michelle Baker, Joe McHugh, Mark Wickenheiser, and Deb Lehman.

The meeting was adjourned; next meeting is November 4, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Thaeler, Clerk