

Board Meeting
January 6, 2018, 2 PM

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

Discussion of roles and responsibilities:

Dave: President

Marty: Clerk

Carlin: Outreach (fellowship, membership)

Dan: Mission (RE, worship, social action). Also to be liaison for Community Connections (Dan and Shayna Morrison)

Bob: VP – properties, P.R., I.T, leadership development

Deb: ex-Pres, considering future roles; Partnership Team (explore what kind of ministry we want)

Robin: Minister

Deb will also continue to be creating landscapes liaison to the board. Barb Newcamp and George Stabile oversee the youth group.

Short discussion of rentals and free use of parish house space. Jodi takes care of rentals; remember that all requests for free use of space i.e. Winterfest etc must be approved by the board. Robin stated we should have a request form for groups to complete, describing use/function/goals etc of their event. Also, we might consider adding a utility fee even for gratis events. This was tabled for now.

Programming

Robin passed out a sheet of current adult RE offerings for 2018. Please consider that as an addition to these minutes. She would like to experiment with some new forms, experiment with “Soulful Sundown” (not on Sundays, maybe Saturdays around 5 PM; perhaps more circle dinners. Engaging with newcomers and new members is a priority. She needs two members to work with her as a team to welcome newcomers in intentional engagement.

Calendar

The items on the above handout are already on the church schedule. Robin’s idea entitled “Wheel of the Year” would not be regular Sunday AM services, and would reach out to additional people in the community and surrounding areas. Ex the Spring Equinox on Tue March 20 would reach out to the pagan community. June 21 would bring the Summer Solstice. These points of entry or engagement are important; we can no longer measure interest in our church just by how many show up Sunday morning. Other items on the calendar include:

Jan 21 – New UU

Jan 28 – New member orientation
Feb 17 – Winterfest
March 17 – Blarney breakfast
April 1 – Easter, and a potluck. (This is also April Fools’ Day....)
May 20 – flower communion, picnic, and planting
April 15 – Time Trade potluck in parish house
June 21 – circle gathering for summer solstice
June 20-24 – General Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri
July-Aug – Aug 19 is the church picnic. The First Friday dances will probably go through the summer.
Sept 9 – Ingathering potluck and water communion
October – Pledge drive. Circle dinners would be 10/6 and the stewardship sermon on 10/7.
Nov 18 – gratitude dinner
Dec 8 – hanging of the greens, and of course Christmas eve service and reception. Deb will plan the tree.

We also discussed re-starting the “Go-See” gang.

Other Business

Deb reported for John Stewart (Treasurer) that we ended the year with \$20,000 in the bank (some of which is pre-paid pledges). Some members have set their bank accounts for automatic withdrawal each month for pledges. Bob Ackerman moved, Dab Hunter seconded, that Deb Lehman will remain as signatory on the checking account (along with John Stewart); motion passed.

Dave discussed building and grounds items. “There are no pending disasters staring us in the face”; however, the two roofs over the Arthur Room/reception space and over the kitchen are of concern, as is the slate roof over the main part of the building. (Doug Lodge is the slate roof guy in this area.) Gutters and downspouts on the church need attention. Bob and Dave will further discuss these items. Dave wants to get a strong grounds group going again.

Robin asked each board member to visit the church website and our Facebook page and become familiar with them.

Dave suggested business cards for board members – not with our names on them, but with info about the church. Robin will ask Jodi to work on this.

Re Custodian: Jodi is not able to keep up with those demands with all her other duties. Deb has some leads to follow involving the Pathstones program; that is a senior employment program. There would be no expense to the church as Pathstones pays the participants a minimum wage.

Deb needs four members to fill the Partnership Team. Suggested are Christine Cooper, Melissa Mansfield, Mark Wickenheiser, and we need another name (preferably male for balance).

Theme for this year: **ENGAGE AND CONNECT.**

Next board meeting will be Feb 4. Subsequent meetings will be first Sundays of the month after church at noon, with the exception of April which will be April 8 because of Easter. Thus: Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 8, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 1, Nov 4, Dec 2, unless otherwise notified.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Thaeler, Clerk