

UUCL Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: Nov. 14, 2017

Present: Shannon VanLandingham, John Brewer, Alan Monroe, Michelle Iwig Harmon, Chris Brown, Ann Alexander, Jill Jarvis, Bonnie Blosser

Absent: Martha Burbank

Observers: Emily Russell, Graham Kreicker, Bob Burbank

Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
<p>Openers For our chalice lighting Shannon read a passage from Peter Steinke's <i>Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times</i> and she welcomed new Board member Chris Brown. Time Keeper: Michelle Process Observer: Shannon</p>	<p>Board members checked in with "How do you feel and what support do you need for the upcoming process? What have you seen and heard since Jill's sermon on Sunday?"</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Board Members will read or reread this book in the coming weeks. We will discuss the first three chapters at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Minutes October minutes were approved via email.</p>		
<p>Consent Agenda DFD and Minister's reports were accepted. Treasurer's report was not acted upon pending clarification of some data owing to technical problems.</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Ann will pursue the challenge of bringing our financial reports up to date.</p>
<p>Old Business Safety topics previously reported on by Alan and John</p>	<p>Considerable discussion of how best to proceed on this difficult and multifaceted topic. Main question is how to recruit a crisis manager. Some suggestions: we need a front door exit from the sanctuary and a landline to the lectern. One recent case of disruption was described.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Michelle will contact John and Alan to revise and expand the draft of their October report. <input type="checkbox"/> Jill will ask All Souls and SMUUCH about their emergency security plans. Our policy is now to call 911 in case of any future disruptions by uncooperative members or visitors.</p>
<p>Jon Coffee Ordination</p>	<p>Jill will compile a list of people want to attend.</p>	
<p>Beloved Conversations training. Retreat Mar. 9</p>	<p>Will involve 9 or 10 members from each of UUCL, SMUUCH, All Souls, Topeka Fellowship, and Manhattan Fellowship. Will use Faithify to help raise money for the curriculum.</p>	
<p>New Business This year's Harvest Festival will be combined with the 60th anniversary celebration. Members from each generation will be present.</p>		<p>Vaun Kampschroeder has agreed to be our photographer</p>
<p>Staff Holiday Lunch</p>	<p>Board voted to pay for this from the Administrative budget line.</p>	
<p>Board Email</p>	<p>Some Board members can't access the email account. None of us should reply to these emails, as they are intended only as input for conversation.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Shannon and John will prepare instructions.</p>

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All Congregation Workshop with Lisa Presley, Jan. 20. 9:30-3:00	This workshop will provide information on how we will proceed to determine the future of our congregation. Lisa will present information in the morning session and answer questions. After a potluck lunch, we will break out into small groups for listening and speaking to each other. All members are encouraged to attend and be a part of the process.	Jill wants members to be able to speak openly about the harms incurred by divisiveness at UUCL.
Search for Acting Director of Faith Development	Considerable discussion of length of tenure and need to overlap with other functions.	Jill is working on this and will be recruiting a search committee.
Stewardship Plan for 2018	We will ask members and friends to pledge the same as last year unless we hear from them. Pledges can always be adjusted. No extra Stewardship activities are planned.	
Member education on attendance at Worship Service and further research on the Letter of Call	Strategic Plan items besides those on tonight's agenda have been tabled while we focus on this period of discernment and transition.	Items on hold include member education on attendance at Worship Service and further research on the Letter of Call.
General Assembly summer 2018	There will be a worship service dedicated to this topic in January.	<input type="checkbox"/> John will encourage the Program Team to dedicate one Sunday to this topic as well. [done]
Recent meeting of LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association)	Bonnie reported on the discord that was sown by the hiring of two white male consultants from Colorado. Several members of color were hurt by their presentation.	Board members will keep this context in mind as further news from the LREDA meeting unfolds.
Next meeting	Changed to Dec. 7 and come at 5:30 to enjoy a dinner catered by Chef Shannon. Nobody else needs to bring anything.	