

UUCL Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct. 10, 2017

Present: Shannon Vanlandingham, Michelle Iwig Harmon, Alan Monroe, Martha Burbank, John Brewer, Rev. Jill Jarvis, Bonnie Blosser, Ann Alexander

Absent:

Observers: Emily Russell, Graham Kreicker

Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
Openers Ann read a chalice lighting. Board members checked in. Timekeeper: Ann - Process Observer: All		
Minutes Sept. minutes were approved via email.		
Consent Agenda DFD Report, Treasurer's Report, and Minister's Report were approved.	There were a few discrepancies in the Budget v. Actual Report. For example, the Hospitality budget needed to be increased by \$1200 to cover snack expenses.	Shannon will take care of correcting these before the reports are generated for the Nov. meeting.
Old Business Draft of Rapid Response Team (Brewer, Monroe) was circulated.	This referred to the lack of safety procedures for medical, weather and active shooter emergencies. We did not have time to discuss the next step.	
Old Business Co-ordination of Jon Coffee 4/7/2018	Board approved Jon's request to be co-ordained by both UUCL and Tennessee Valley UU Church. UUCL will present a new stole to Jon. Hopefully, some UUCL members can attend the ceremony. Motion to approve (John/Ann) was passed.	
Visitor/Attendance/Membership Numbers	Jill circulated "Congregational Growth Assessment," a set of questions and a preliminary report of attendance for the period June 18 to Sept. 3, 2017. Average attendance (Feb 5- Oct 1) Worship: 56; Program: 36	Jill will post a more complete version of this report to Basecamp before our Nov. meeting. This will include the overlap attendance (number who attend both Program and Worship Service).
Beloved Conversations	A UU curriculum focusing on racism and white privilege authored at Meadville/Lombard seminary. Jill outlined the plan to raise funding via the Faithify crowd funding website to defray the \$4,000.00 fee, which would pay for the ten UU participants (Jill + 9 other) who will attend a 1.5 day retreat at Shawnee Mission UU Church. The participants will return to their congregations to conduct eight follow-up sessions of 2 hours each.	Jill will consult the UUCL Social Action team to help recruit other participants for the retreat.

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<p>Bylaws Review</p> <p>(1) Fill the vacant Board chair ?</p> <p>(2) Is Past Chair entitled a vote at the Board?</p>	<p>(1) Following discussion the Board agreed to appoint an additional but temporary At Large member to serve from November through June 2018 to maintain the Board membership at 7.</p> <p>(2) The Board determined that the Past Chair has always been entitled to vote.</p>	<p>Shannon will contact the Nominating Committee to submit a list of potential candidates for this position.</p>
<p>Letter of Call Questions</p>	<p>Michelle and Jill reviewed some of the responses Jill submitted to Michelle's list of questions. This item was tabled.</p>	<p>Michelle urged other Board members to submit additional questions.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Michelle read a closing passage.</p>		
<p>Executive Session (7:45- 8:15)</p> <p>The Board sadly accepted Bonnie Blosser's decision to resign as of Dec. 31, 2017.</p> <p>New Faith Development Initiatives may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Soul Matters group • Prayer Beads (Ann Alexander) • Mature OWL curriculum • Wisdom Wills 	<p>Bonnie will share her announcement in a letter to parents to be sent Friday, Oct. 13. Jill will then send a similar letter to the Congregation.</p> <p>The Faith Development Council currently consists of Mary Holm and Jennifer Ball.</p> <p>Bonnie will be making the announcement from the pulpit this Sunday.</p>	<p>Bonnie will prepare an assessment of all parts of the Faith Development program.</p> <p>In light of Bonnie's announcement, Jill has postponed work changes to the Sunday morning schedule until next year.</p> <p>We will need to form a search committee.</p>