

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

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| 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> |