

UUCM Board Meeting July 18, 2017

Attending were President Sue Raufer, Vice President Denise Rodgers, Treasurer Dennis Kurtti, Secretary Sheila Eby and Trustees Jim Abramson, Doug Andrews, Peter Arian, Brian Crooks, Kitty Cullina-Bessey and Steve Mintz. Laura Wilson attended remotely.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes from the previous month were noted. Denise moved to accept the text and Brian seconded the motion, which carried.

President's Report

- Our bank requires that we transfer signatory authority from Justin's name to Scott and Anya's. Peter moved to ratify doing so, and Brian seconded the motion. No one opposed the motion, which passed.
- Undoing Racism has proposed allowing a gubernatorial debate to take place in our sanctuary Saturday September 16. (Other locations are also being considered.) Custodial fees and other charges specific for nonprofits would apply. Jim moved to endorse the action and Doug seconded the motion, which passed.
- The Welcoming Committee will continue for a few months to bring in the new ministers and attend to logistical things like press releases.
- Coffee hour is suspended during the summer unless someone steps up to host and handle clean up.
- Professional development for Danielle was discussed, specifically a conference in Tennessee costing \$1,500. Sue told Danielle that the congregation does not have a line item for professional development, nor the money to cover the program. Danielle understood.
- Sue requested we be mindful of emails and respond to them as needed.

Treasurer's Report

- This is the end of our fiscal year. We should be at 100% of income and expenses, but are not. Pledges by check are uncollected to a larger than usual degree. (Some of our people are experiencing hardship, and have readjusted their pledges down.) Then, too, the auction was off by \$5,500. Deficits will be in the range of \$14K to \$22K. We'll have a clearer picture at the end of this month.
- Recommendations included forging a new mission statement, which bolsters pledges. We should review our membership list, because members cost money. It was also recommended that we include the matter of pledges in the job description from our new DM&CL.
- Sue observed that the DM&CL job description has already been approved, and trustees discussed which committee(s) should be handling the disposition of the deficit. Something for the retreat? Dennis advised letting the Finance Committee decide how to deal with this -- where we cut, for example -- so the board can focus on things like a mission statement.
- Jim moved to ask the Finance Committee to make recommendations for the Board of Trustees to cover the deficit. Denise seconded the motion, which carried with no opposing votes.

Executive Session

- Denise moved that we go into Executive Session. Steve seconded the motion, which passed.
- Kitty later moved to come out of Executive Session. Peter seconded the motion, which carried.

Housekeeping

- Volunteer sheets were distributed for snacks, etc.
- Laura Wilson volunteered to manage our thank you notes.
- Kitty volunteered to record who agrees to do what.
- Sharing Our Riches -- Peter moved that someone on the Stewardship Committee be responsible for chairing the Sharing or Riches committee. Steve seconded, and the motion carried with one abstention.
- Sue recommended convening a task force for the installation of our new ministers. Steve volunteered to be the board representative.

Process Observation

- Sheila said it was a good meeting, touching on many things we've been dealing with for months now, but our conversations are becoming more focused toward solid solutions. It was also very positive that the beginning of the meeting, in particular, kept on schedule.

Sheila moved and it was seconded that we end the meeting. We adjourned at 9:45.