

Highlights from the April UUSIC Board Meeting

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Present: Kelly O'Berry (President), Jim Olson (Past-President), Jim Laughlin (Vice-President), Adam Ingersoll (Treasurer), Peg Voelker (Secretary), Steve Vincent (Trustee), Steve Locher (Trustee), and Sara Feldmann (Trustee)

Absent: Kris Barrash (Trustee), Saunia Powell (DLRE), and Peggy Garrigues (DCL). Rev. Steven Protzman (Ex officio) is on sabbatical

Guest: Jeffrey Ford and Dave Martin

President Kelly O'Berry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 13th, at the Oakdale House. Laughlin provided opening words.

Announcements: O'Berry shared that the *Love Reaches Out* workshop went well. Of note, discussions centered around identifying the intersection between what we as a congregation are good at doing, and what is needed in the larger community.

Consent Agenda: Board Agenda; March Minutes; April Executive Committee Minutes; Treasurer Financial Statements & Report; Minister Report; DLRE Report; DCL Report; Administrator Report; Music Director Report; and the New Facilities Committee report (Deb Schoelerman) were received for review prior to the meeting. Other items: April 2017 Stewardship Report; Facilities Use Policies; Branding Group Board Recommendations; 2017 Naming Survey Results.

Due to problems with the online grant submission process, our Chalice Lighter grant proposal will not be considered until the August funding cycle. Raised from the Treasurer's report was Ingersoll's recommendation that the Board commit to the expenses outlined in the proposal, whether or not it is funded. He feels it is appropriate to use reserve funds to do this essential publicity-related work. The Board approved the use of reserve funds if necessary. The Board approved the minutes.

Facilities Use Policy & Guidelines: Jeffery Ford investigated facility use policies and procedures—paying particular attention to wedding rentals. Ford pointed out two fundamental issues he kept in mind while developing new building guidelines: 1) hospitality and 2) maximizing building use. Ford and Locher pulled policy statements from the guidelines and created a policy document. This was presented for "first read" and a slightly revised document will be presented for "second read" in May.

Pledge Drive: Dave Martin presented the Stewardship Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017. There are 199 pledge units in 2017, down from 216 in 2016. Martin shared that letters went out last week thanking members for their pledge and asking those who can, to increase their amount pledged.

Transition Task Force 2.0 (TTF2) Leadership: Voelker reported that efforts to recruit co-chairs for the TTF2 have been unsuccessful. Therefore, Voelker & Barrash recommended that the two of them serve as co-chairs. They also suggested that oversight of policies & procedures be removed from the Charge. The Board approved Voelker and Barrash as TTF2 co-chairs and endorsed the requested change to the Charge.

Naming Process: Vincent reviewed the results from the recent survey and noted that 80% of voting members participated. Of the participants, 78% are not opposed to a name change and 93% would not oppose a name change if chosen by a strong majority. The survey also provided insight on the use of location, a group identifier, and non-specific descriptors in the name. But while these findings are encouraging and helpful, a specific name or set of names likely to be approved by a majority of members did not emerge. The Branding Group provided their recommendation for the remaining process steps necessary before holding a congregational naming vote. The Board carefully discussed this extremely important issue. Concerns were raised that the congregation has not had enough time to become educated and contemplate the pros and cons of different types of names. Therefore, the Board agreed to ask the Branding Group to consider adjusting the process and timeline for arriving at a potential new name.

Close of Meeting: Locher reported as process observer and Ingersoll provided closing words. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

—Submitted by Peg Voelker, Secretary