

TVUUC Board (Retreat) Minutes

7/16/15

Kathy Bohstedt, Mary Jo Holden, Ann Barber, Lynne Mullins, Elnora Williams, Laurie Knox, Lance Mc Cold, Barbara Taylor, Linda Randolph, John Mashburn, Joe Viglione, Marco Casteneda.

Board members introduced themselves.

Those who had not already done so signed up to the e-list.

Kathy Bohstedt : We UUs are the children of the Congregationalists who settled in New England, whose members entered into covenant.

We read and agreed to abide by the board covenant by signing a copy of it.

We read the Charter describing the scope of the Board's role and responsibility.

We discussed Board Schedule, dates and areas of governance each month, establishing Lead Readers as follows:

September:	Safety: John Mashburn
October:	Communication, Public Relations & Promotion: Marco Casteneda
November:	Administration and Building & Grounds: Ann Barber
December:	Finance: Joe Viglione Stewardship: Kathy Bohstedt
January:	Pastoral Care & Membership: Laurie Knox
February:	Public Ministry & Denominational Affairs: Lynne Mullins
March:	Worship & Music: Barbara Taylor
April:	Program Council: Elnora Williams
May 15:	Lifespan Religious Education: Mary Jo Holden
June:	Governance; Board Evaluation; Ministerial Evaluation: Lance McCold & Linda Randolph

Kathy stated she will distribute a document to explain the duties and procedures of being a lead reader.

Script for BMOD reviewed and added to (re green name tags). Sign-up for first quarter was completed.

Review of the past year document ensued. The relationship with the EFC was discussed, and the struggles that occurred over the last year. There is a subscription form that requires changing. UUA has been a source of information, sharing other churches' issues and the denomination's.

There will be one service, at 11 a.m., for the foreseeable future. Dialogues will take place from 9:45-10:45.

Sunday Dialogues: More than a dozen folks were asked to chair this and Lance McCold agreed. He wants to make it such that every adult and young adult/youth can attend. He stated that Sunday Dialogue needs an hour, but has never had this largesse. Discussions are in progress.

Budget: 2015-2016 Joe Viglione

Last year we spent less than what was budgeted for by \$21,000. Pledge units came in 8% less than that pledged. This ('15-'16) fiscal year is the first year wherein the budget takes into account this short-fall. About four years ago was the tipping point when we took in less rather than more in pledges et al.

The "contingency funds" do not exist but rather this is in a part where the reserves are. We voted to eliminate this confusing wordage. Joe stated that Finance Committee will look into how to be more accurate and comprehensible regarding the reserves, so that the community will understand better.

Another added item: it turns out that the church owns 1/6th of an island on Douglas Lake, deeded by a member who would like to get it back. Motion was made, seconded and passed that Joe will continue conversation by stating that the Board will consider selling it back to member.

Kathy asked for a volunteer to liaison to Personnel Committee; Ann agreed to be a member, and Laurie stated she would look into it.

Linda will be liaison to Denominational Affairs.

Elnora will be assigned to Program Council, voting member of Nominating, Leadership and Finance Committees.

Strategic Planning Committee needs membership. Laurie will consider, as well and Ann and Lynn. They will join Lance, Linda and John. Kathy will ask Elnora to be part of this meeting.

Linda presented the work of visioning task force and that Lance et al took that work to establishing "ends" to assist in the long-range planning. Linda also presented the Board's first pass on some of these. (document dated May 3, 2015.) Linda asked that we give this a good read and let it lead to additional ideas and parts to the plan.

A great thanks was given to our lunch providers, Jen and Jodie Hamilton.

Opening and Closing words next meeting will be offered by Barbara Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. Taylor, secretary