

## **TVUUC Board Meeting**

**February 21, 2016**

### **Present were:**

Kathy Bohstedt, John Mashburn, Joe Viglione, Mary Jo Holden, Barbara Taylor, Lynne Mullins, Elnora Williams, Anne Barber, Laurie Knox, John McNair, Lance McCold, Marco Casteneda, Jenny Arthur (ex officio), Chris Buice (ex officio), Claudia Wise (ex officio)

Guests: Jodie Hamilton

### **Approval of minutes of January Board Meeting:**

Minutes were not distributed in advance of this meeting. They will be sent and any proposed amendments, etc., will be sent to Secretary (Barbara), who will re-send for final approval. They have since been approved.

### **Charter for the Strategic Planning Committee (Lance & John)**

The draft of a Charter of the SPC was distributed and discussed. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept this charter. John and Lance have asked Frony Ward to join them. John and Lance are working together as co-chairs, but Lance agreed to be titular Chair this year.

### **Treasurer's Report (Joe)**

In addition to the monthly report (distributed and discussed, Joe informs the Board that they have signed a contract for the audit, although timing it may have to wait till after April 15th. Discussion of Share the Plate ensued, for further understanding. Share the Plate program is due to be evaluated in June 2016 after the first 3 year trial period.

### **Board Monitoring Report: Public Ministry & Denominational Affairs (Lynne)**

Chris wrote the report from discussions he had with Lynne and presented parts. *Denominational Affairs*: things are changing from district to large regions, from UUA POV. The most important, perhaps, to us is the Cluster. This includes

Chattanooga, and they are offering a conference on Racial Initiatives (Black Lives Matter) and TVUUC is offering one on Small Group Ministry and Oak Ridge on Worship.

Denominational affairs is not currently very active. A thrust to get folks involved in GA (June 22-26) may be a way to enliven this, as this will be held in Columbus, Ohio. Chris is asking for a Committee and that the committee could be the spark for GA attendance, and delegates may also be a spark, reporting back to the congregation.

Publicity can also be enacted through the Membership Coordinator, when one is hired.

### **Black Lives Matter initiative—congregational buy-in (Chris)**

Kim Mason brought this to Leadership and to Program Council. Chris wanted to ensure that we not raise a banner without the actual entity endorsing this. We have also been involved in SURJ (Standing Up for Racial Justice), which is a "white" component of working towards racial justice (meet third Monday 7-9). Chris has discussed all this with Elandria Williams, who suggested that a meeting of congregational people of color occur, to entertain ideas about how this relates to them. She impressed that it is the process that is important, more so than the results. It's also about not making assumptions about people. The Youth Caucus (which is part of GA group of high school aged youth) has been active. Laurie talked about UT and new initiatives on campus. Lance, Laurie, and Kim Mason, as well as Chris should share more information so enhanced collaboration should occur.

### **Report on Kerfuffle between Board & Nominating Committee (Kathy)**

This was concerned with our previous act of establishing an Auction Committee whose chair and chair-elect should be offered for election by the Nominating Committee, and it was made clear to the Board by that committee that it falls to the Board to find a Chair. Minutes from that vote in January will reflect that change to the change.

**Leadership Workshop later this spring (Kathy & Elnora)**

April may be a good month to hold a workshop to develop new leaders in the community of congregants, to understand what leadership entails, the personality characteristics of leaders (e.g., one need not be extroverted or bossy), and what various positions entail. Chris mentioned UUA curriculum on leadership development. John Bohstedt is interested in helping with this. Elnora and Kathy Bohstedt will look into this.

**Board Vacancy, from resignation of Linda Randolph:**

John McNair has agreed to fill the remainder of Linda Randolph's term (till end of June). He was heartily welcomed.

Next Month's BMR: Worship & Music (Barbara)

Opening and Closing Words for March meeting: Lynne Mullins