

TVUUC Board of Directors Meeting

May 15, 2016

Present: Kathy Bohstedt, Elnora Williams, Joe Viglione, Barbara Taylor, Mary Jo Holden, Lynne Mullins, Ann Barber, Laurie Knox, Marco Casteneda, John Mashburn, John McNair, Claudia Wise (ex officio), Chris Buice (ex officio).

Absent: Lance McCold

Guest: Kim Mason (DLRE)

1. **Minutes from the April Board meeting** were approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report** (Joe): Presented and Discussed. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the report as presented.

We continued by discussing the budget with respect to assisting the incoming DLRE with moving expenses. This is possible due to the future non-payment of the DLRE until August (one month hiatus from paying) and the interim Pastoral Care Minister until October (one month hiatus). In other words, the money to assist in moving the new DLRE was found without affecting the budget presented to the congregation in advance of the Congregational Meeting.

The following motion was made by MaryJo Holden, seconded and passed to approve the amended budget: "I move that we approve the budget as amended with the understanding that it solves the immediate problem of moving expenses for the new DRE, but it does not address our more longstanding problem of declining revenues."

3. Discussed the **revision of the BMOD script**. It was discussed that greeters may point out to adults with small children that the e.e.cummings room is available. More discussion ensued and it was then moved, seconded and passed to place a statement in the Order of Service rather than announce it from the pulpit in our welcome to the service or to ask the greeters to inform families.

4. Kim Mason presented the long work of the **Safe Congregations Committee**. Grier Novinger, Roy Kersey, Joe Viglione, Robin Brookshire and Kim comprise the committee. They held a series of workshops. The written draft sent to us was crafted by Grier, Robin, and Kim. This document includes some RE policies already in force. Kim pointed out that it IS a Draft.

Kim further suggested that a larger disaster response may be helpful as well and exemplified this by including a fire drill. The Board will read the draft more closely and give Kim feedback. We all acknowledged the importance of this document and thanked Kim for heading this endeavor.

5. Angelina Carpenter's letter **requesting our sponsorship for her ministry** was addressed. The Board agreed to sponsor her as we were impressed not only with her work when she was with us but also what she has done since leaving us.

6. The topic of **General Assembly delegates** were discussed by Chris Buice, as well as how one could be a delegate and not be present at GA, but access the discussions via electronic means and vote that way as well. Kathy Bohstedt stated that she would opt for this means of being a delegate as a test case so that others might use this manner in the future.

7. Elnora and Chris presented that **African-American High School students from Washington, DC** will be present in our church again this year on June 22nd 1-3 as part of their tour of the South. We will provide lunch and information, as well as goody bags with healthy snacks for the bus ride on. We further discussed who might be available midday, midweek to participate in this event that was very well received last year by the students and their adult advisors.

8. Next month's Board Monitoring Report: Board Evaluation; Ministerial Evaluation (Lance) and Lifespan RE (Kim and Mary Jo)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Taylor, secretary to the Board