

**TVUUC Board of Directors Meeting
December 18, 2016**

Present: Elnora Williams, Kathy Bohstedt, John McNair, Marco Castaneda, Bill Myers, Jeff Kovac, Joe Viglione, Barbara Taylor, Chris Buice (ex officio), Claudia Pressley (ex officio)
Absent: Laurie Knox, Denise Coleman, Lynne Mullins
Guests: Catherine Loya, Lauren Hulse

The meeting was brought to order by President Elnora Williams.

Opening words: Barbara Taylor

Auction Report, given by Elnora Williams from Linda Randolph

The still interim figure is about \$23,000.

Linda has agreed to be the Chair once more next year. Many of the team coordinators will also serve once more.

Jeff opined that it is not a good idea that it is a budget item.

Board Member on Duty list sent around for sign-up.

Communication Activities Update - Lauren Hulse (Board Liaison Laurie Knox):

Report given in written form; highlights are as follows:

*Community Events (such as Pride Fest)

*We are using Twitter feed, Instagram and Facebook, in addition to the 2 list-serves.

*The Month of Sundays post card is being sent and appreciated.

*Jeff asked about closed groups on Facebook.

*McNair mentioned that the redundancy across communications domains means that most or all will be informed.

*The website needs corrections and updates.

*Chris mentioned that visitors return when they think they are welcomed by the church, not merely one person in the church.

Software Update:

Bill, Claudia and Marco have reached out to users and no one has had anything negative to say. Marco thinks it seem to meet what we are trying to do as a church. Bill's respondents were very positive about the software. One respondent stated that this new company will become the benchmark against which others will be compared. Given our vote last month, we are prepared to act now to receive 2016 pricing. Catherine will review as to its benefit for LRE, and then we will have a "Go" status for purchase.

Multigenerational / Young Adult Activities - Catherine Loya (Liaison Lynne Mullins)

Written report submitted; highlights follow:

* launching in January of February a multi generational social action project on the third Wednesdays after the fellowship meal.

*A Seat at the Table - a family focused dinner here at the church drawing people from a variety of faith traditions. The first one will be in February (possibly 2/18). Loya would like to see a youth-oriented one in the future.

*As to young adult programming, Catherine is working with Lauren Hulse for a "Homecoming Dinner". This is hoped to be a jumping-off point for more programming.

OWL Program - Catherine Loya & Bill Myers

A goal is to expand the OWL curriculum. UCC and UU joined together to form this contribution to the lives of our members, and both entities have their own faith supplements. There are 4 bedrock values: Self-Worth, Sexual Health, Responsibility, and Justice & Inclusivity. How to finance more age levels of programming is an agenda item. There is interest in helping with this expansion plan.

Loya is seeking support from the Board for this age expansion through additional training for more leaders. Scheduling and hosting a training here was suggested as this would help defray expenses for training our own people.

Loya is asking for permission to do targeting fundraising for seed money with the hope that as hosts, we will recoup these investments.

This group is asking to be a host church for *elementary school-age training*. The seed money would ensure that we could hold this training here. When the outside trainees pay their fees, we would recoup the money and have an ongoing fund for future.

Claudia noted that in the RE fund for Special Projects there is \$2,800+.

It was moved and seconded to authorize this hosting of OWL training for elementary OWL (K-1, 4-6). The motion passed.

Any request for monetary assistance will be tabled in view of Claudia's finding.

Safe Congregation Program - Catherine Loya & Barbara Taylor

The finalized proposal was sent to Board members earlier in the week. There was a motion and second and the motion passed to accept this policy document and guide.

Secretary's Report - November Board Minutes - Barbara Taylor

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Joe Viglione

Joe noted that the pledges are behind again, both October and November. A positive note is that new members are pledging.

The Audit is asking for the Capitalization Policy. No one present knew of one. We need one and this is one of the reasons we needed an audit, Joe reminded us.

Closing Words - Barbara Taylor

The meeting was adjourned by President Elnora Williams.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2017