

TVUUC Board Meeting

3/20/16

Present:

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

Guest: Jodi Hamilton

Approval of February Board Minutes:

Minutes were approved with correction.

By-Laws Revision (Kathy):

A proposed revision reflected a decision made in a Leadership Team meeting in the fall of 2015 to add the DRE to that Team. An amended version ensuring more inclusive title of DRE (thereby not limiting the position to an MRE or certified DLRE) was moved, seconded and passed.

Update on Long-Range Plan (Lance):

The committee has expanded to include Frony Ward, who has served on past LRP Committees. The committee is recruiting younger people to serve on the committee as well. The small committee met with Claudia and will meet with the building expansion committee.

Update on deliberations of committee to choose Endowment Fund church-improvement project (Barbara):

This committee unanimously approved a proposal that collapsed a few proposals and have sent this to the larger Endowment Committee, which body will announce after their deliberations.

Update regarding the personnel committee (Lynne):

As of now there are five applicants/resumes for the Membership & Communications position, a position that remains in final design phase. The Personnel has received a job description from another church and the search committee has been given this as well.

Laurie asked if there is a member of the LRP Committee on each of these search committees. Claudia stated that the search committees (including this one and the search for new DRE) are trying to figure out what they are particularly looking for in this iteration of the position, and that should include LRP.

Treasurer's report (Joe):

While there has been a shortfall of pledged income, pledge money from last year has entered the income stream so that we are, on balance, doing OK.

It was moved and seconded that, beginning in the next budget year, Capital Reserve be made into a restricted fund in order to secure this money for such needs as may require immediate attention/action (e.g., one or two HVAC units requiring replacement). This was approved.

With respect to the previous donation of a part of a property on a lake, Joe updated us re status of this issue. We then reiterated the need for more information regarding the worth of the property in order to finalize our decision based on an accurate value of the land.

Board Monitoring Report (Worship & Music) (Barbara):

After a meeting of Barbara, Chris, and Nathan Paki, Chris wrote a report based on the goal they set for this year, i.e., Diversity. Chris also extended this goal into thinking about next year's Worship focus. Not all examples of diversity opportunities this year had been in Sunday worship, but at other days during the week as well.

Barbara met with the Music Committee to discuss the year in review as it relates to Diversity (in the music itself and those who provide it), Social Action (the upcoming concert in benefit of the Refugee Task Force), and Connections (with other UU churches and other religions and denominations). Also noted were the

strengthening of the department with Leslie's return to half-time and the better planning regarding use of the accompanist.

Denominational Affairs priorities (Chris):

Chris began by asking the assembled who is planning to attend GA (June 22-26, Columbus, OH) and is willing to be a delegate?

From the UU Association: they are asking for 25 congregations to support the inclusion of the two following persons who wish to run for President (following one person dropping out after accepting the Nominating Committee's candidacy).

Nomination forms for Susan Frederick-Gray and Jeanne Pupke were discussed. This is a Nominating petition such that these two persons can become candidates. We briefly discussed the history of both candidates in terms of preparing them to assume the leadership of the denomination should either be elected. The Board decided to endorse their candidacy.

Nomination form for Kim Mason's application for the ministry:

The Board approved to support Kim Mason's application for theological school.

Report on Calendar issue (or, why the Board was bumped from room C this week) (Kathy): Room C was unavailable for our meeting because Family Promise was here. This is bound to reoccur. The church is informed of when FP is in our space about six months in advance. It was agreed that the office (Claudia and Admin Asst) will inform the President of the FP dates as soon as they know them. Then the Pres can inform the Board and set up an alternative meeting time or place.

Leadership Workshop April 22, 2016 (Kathy, Elnora):

These two Board members plus Mary Jo Holden and John Bohstedt are planning a two-hour meeting for Leadership Development to be held on May 1. All current and prospective board members will be invited to attend. Invitations will go out by April 15. The goal of this workshop is to prod emerging leaders to think about best church

practices, and the importance of teamwork and communication in serving the church.

For our calendars:

Upcoming Board meetings: April 17, May 15.

Congregational Meeting May 22.

Next Month's Board Monitoring:

Program Council (Elnora)