

Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church
Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2016

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

Guest: Kim Mason

May minutes were approved as amended.

Safe Congregations Right Relations Team (Kim Mason):

It will be preferable to include a woman, a minority, and someone familiar with these sorts of things.

At next Board meeting in August we should bring forward a slate of people to discuss.

Membership Requirements in Leadership and Committees (Kathy):

This was discussed with varying opinions of whether membership should be required in more committees than the By-Laws currently require. We looked at various working committees in the church, with the view to whether membership is necessary or advisable.

All chairs and members of Board committees must be church members. Finance, Personnel, and Stewardship are the three Board Committees.

This issue will be moved to August after the new Board members are on board, as some retiring members thought the incoming Board should deliberate this question.

Board Monitoring Report (Chris and Lance):

This is the Minister's self evaluation and Chris orally reported as he and Lance have discussed the year:

- first year of one service and how it might be affecting the church

- rethink attendance issues

- informing ppl about upcoming service

- status of forums, Adult RE plans for Sunday morning

- diversity

- attendance in RE is up

- more time and energy for public ministry where people of faith get together

- Faith Over Fear

- Water for Flint (Tabernacle Baptist Church) delivering clean drinking water to Flint, Michigan

- We will have a year to figure out what Pastoral Care Minister role is, as there is no other Jenny Arthur. We will need to reflect on the work, the meaning of the work

- Pastoral Care Committee is a "doing" committee; Lay Ministry is about listening.

DLRE report (Kim):

The written report distributed in this meeting: and goals had been established in the beginning of the year. (See report)

Share the Plate:

This is a tangible reminder of social justice needs in our community. The voting is open to choose the projects with whom we want to share our plate.

Treasurer's Report: (Joe) (report distributed)

Not as assured we will do OK by the end of this month.

Joe moved to accept the \$2000 offer for the land we hold on an island. It was seconded and passed.

In Finance Committee it was discussed that there are 3 people identified to enter the Safety Deposit Box. These are the Church Administrator, Treasurer, and Secretary. It was decided by the Finance Committee to make two not by name as in the past, but by position, and to limit it to the 2 positions to Church Administrator and Treasurer.

Board Retreat: (Elnora):

This will be on Saturday, July 23rd.

DC High Schoolers on Wednesday June 22nd (Elnora):

Bob Grimac is overseeing the lunch when the kids from DC are coming through on their annual trip through the South.

Personnel Committee (Lynn):

The committee decided that each member of the staff will be asked to meet with incoming DLRE individually. Catherine Loya will begin with us on August 1st.

Kathy thanked the retiring Board members and gave them gifts. She also gave the gift of a candle to the incoming president.

The Meeting was adjourned.

After this meeting, it was discovered that one item had been forgotten. This was Chris' idea to hold a Special Collection the following Sunday for the victims in Orlando and their families. The email to accomplish this was sent to the Board members from Kathy. Barbara Taylor moved the following that was seconded and passed by email voting: "I move we authorize a special collection Sunday, June 26th for the victims' families whose loved ones died in the Pulse Nightclub massacre. The UU church in Orlando will accept these funds in our name for this purpose."

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. Taylor, secretary to the Board.