



Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, December 9 , 2013

- ✓ Bill Pokorny, President
- ✓ Pam Tilbrook, VP Admin Council
- ✓ Bill Scown, Treasurer
- ✓ Pat Ward, Director
- ✓ John Towell, Secretary
- ✓ Dick Yingst, Director
- ✓ Dan Masini, VP Program Council
- ✓ Lisa Gades, Director
- ✓ Katie Phillips, Congregational Administrator, *ex officio*
- ✓ Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister, *ex officio*

Also in attendance: George Tattersfield, chair of the Canvass Committee

1. Opening Words and Check In
2. Continuing Education: Framing Issues – George Lakoff
3. Progress Reports
 - The minutes of the regular meeting on November 18, 2013 were received. Discussion ensued regarding better recording of details of board meetings. Katie will ascertain cost of hiring Lisa Rittenberry [as Recording Secretary].
 - Finance Report: Katie commented favorably on new format (new column) on front page of the finance report; members of Finance Team also like it. Bill Scown and Katie are going to review the new retirement plan from UUA.
 - Councils (Committee Reports):
 - Regarding loose plate collections, it was discussed that a calendar should be published indicating when certain channels will be available to congregation for targeting donations. Lisa indicated a rough draft has been knocked out.
 - Regarding Social Justice Committee funds, are Christmas Eve collections going to MAD and Holiday Lights fund? Bill Pokorny suggested it would

improve communication with congregation if we referred to all collections in December as going into the Holiday Lights Fund. But then, what about AID (Association of Individual Development) group? And who is making the decision? Bill Pokorny suggested that the Social Justice Committee provide some clarity on how funds are divided/dispersed.

- There was more discussion of IRS policy regarding social justice activism and it was decided that this topic needs to go back on the agenda for further discussion next month.

4. Closed Session

5. Assistant Minister Search

- George reported on current status of campaign for Assistant Minister, which currently stands at \$202,000 from 113 pledges. The Finance Team thinks we're close enough. The Board felt there was enough confidence and a motion was passed to go forward with hiring an Assistant Minister.

6. Finance Policies

- Roles and Responsibilities ready for vote; motion carried with minor adjustments.
- Draft from November 18 needs further work. Bill Scown proposed one more working session to go through the entire document with both the Finance Team and the Board.

7. Publication of policies and bylaws

- Katie indicated that they are already accessible on the UUSG website.

8. Choir Festival Funding Request

- Tracy Rosenkrans submitted a request for \$600 to fund choir appearance at a choir festival in DeKalb in 2014. A request was made to the Finance Team to suggest how best to fund this. Motion was passed to give money for the choir festival.

9. Nominating Committee

- Jim Frazier has accepted the nomination; motion was passed accepting him onto the Nominating Committee.

10. Other Business

- Cindy Vacek sent email about the Board's participation in future social hours. The Board is scheduled to host social hour on March 2, 2014.

11. Adjournment 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
John Towell
Secretary