



Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 11 , 2014

- ✓ Dan Masini, VP Administrative Council
- ✓ Debbie Leoni, VP Program Council
- ✓ Pat Ward, Treasurer
- ✓ John Towell, Secretary
- ✓ Cindy Vacek, Director
- ✓ Jennifer Klein, Director
- ✓ David de Coriolis, Director
- ✓ Dick Yingst, Director
- ✓ Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister, *ex officio*
- ✓ Katie Phillips, Congregational Administrator, *ex officio*

Also in attendance: Hal Schulman, Marko Spiegel, Deann Alleman, David Tomell, Mary Swanson, Bob Swanson

1. Regular Reports

- **Secretary:** Minutes from October Board Meeting received.

• **Finance (Treasurer):** Pat noted that UUSG spent a lot of money the past month but it was spending that had been planned. Regarding the Assistant Minister's Fund we are still lagging a bit but it is expected to pick up as soon as we hire an Assistant Minister. David asked where the Harvest Supper Funds go and the answer was that this has not been decided.

• **Councils:**

• Dan indicated there was some question about where the Board Agenda was supposed to go and Deb followed up with questioning the purpose of the early agenda and wasn't it supposed to go to the entire congregation. It was decided that the agenda be published in the weekly mini-Pioneer and will be linked to in the Monday weekly email and hence, must be submitted the Wednesday prior to the Board Meeting. Dan also pointed out the need to coordinate scheduling



goals which could be most easily accomplished by moving up the Board retreat by six months.

•**Senior Minister:** NTA

•**Congregational Administrator** – NTA

2. Facilities

- Deann presented a plan for upgrading furnaces and air conditioners. The Facilities Team is recommending Confident Aire as the vendor and has been given a proposal for replacing the two furnaces and air conditioner in the sanctuary and to set up a zoning system that would replace the old furnace in the 1955 addition (Conant Room, hallway, washroom & kitchen) by tying into the new sanctuary furnace. An additional option for replacing the furnace in Pioneer House was also presented. (See appendix.) The costs for these replacements are over what has been suggested by the Board as a limit on Capital Expenditures for the current fiscal year, but represent a substantial savings if completed together. Marko indicated that these high efficiency units are the way to go and will result in lower gas and electricity costs. There was concern amongst the Board members about investing in Pioneer House when one option currently being considered is tearing it down – this to be discussed further in this meeting when considering the land which has been offered as a gift to UUSG. A motion was passed to approve the proposal to replace the sanctuary heating and air conditioning along with the zoning system for the 1955 addition which replaces the need for an additional furnace for that area and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$16,391. A second motion was passed which deferred for now work on Pioneer House with a request for further information from an inspection to be done by Confident Aire.

3. ERT Report

- Hal brought four handouts: An overview of his presentation, a preliminary draft of a possible safety policy for UUSG, a draft of suggested alterations to the current policy on bodily fluids, and a policy on dispensing and issuing drugs. Hal pointed out that there were many subjects in the general policy that need to be considered as to whether they are relevant or desired for UUSG. Bill asked Pat to review the policies from a legal perspective. The Board requested that the ERT go ahead and make these considerations and bring back the policy for further review by the Board. Hal requested funds (\$250-\$300) to replace dated fire extinguishers and first aid kits, to be covered by the Facilities operating budget, and a motion was passed to do so. [For clarity it should be noted that the Board technically did not need to pass a motion regarding the Facilities operating budget.] On Friday,



December 12, the Geneva Police Department will hold a number of three hour sessions about active shooter training at UUSG and volunteers (victims) are needed. An article will be placed in Pioneer asking for volunteers.

4. Geneva Universal

- An unidentified entity known as Geneva Universal (GU) has offered a gift to UUSG of land located adjacent to and nearby the church. Originally this gift was to be made with the constraint that none of the land could be sold for a period of fifty years. The Board has been deliberating this gift in executive sessions for the past eleven months and communication has gone back and forth between the Board and GU about the consequences of the constraint on the gift. A primary concern was that the constraint could create a situation where UUSG could not mortgage because of a cloud on the title. GU has come to a point where they have offered a portion of the land without any constraint and a third portion which includes land that borders on third street which has a modification of the initial constraint. If Pioneer House were to be moved to this land bordering on third street, then UUSG could sell this land. Otherwise, the land on third street could not be sold for fifty years. At this point the UUSG building committee has not seen a way to extend the church structure to include the space bordering on third street and hence, makes this land undesirable. Considerable discussion has taken place and continued on in the present meeting about the many concerns. The congregation has now been informed of the gift and a congregational meeting has been scheduled at 3:30pm on November 23. The task at the current Board meeting was to decide whether the Board approved of receiving the gift and would be recommending to the congregation. A motion was passed to take the recommendation to the congregation that the gift be received. This vote was not unanimous with David abstaining and Pat voting no. David's concerns were based on the absence of a plan which should be worked out before the gift is received. Pat's objections centered around her belief that this was the wrong piece of property for UUSG to take on – that our only realistic alternative was to sell it.

Adjournment 10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John Towell

Secretary