

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Bill Scown, President
Hal Schulman, VP Admin Council
Debbie Leoni, VP Program Council
Bob Swanson, Treasurer
Cindy Vacek, Director
David Moore, Director
Lynn Steele, Director
Kathy Cornell, Director
Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister, ex officio
Scott Talbot Lewis, ex officio

Absent:

Pat Vary, Secretary
Jim O'Malley, Assistant Treasurer
Katie Phillips, Congregational Administrator, ex officio

Also present: Patricia Ward, Jan Miller (Acting Secretary)

The meeting began at 7 p.m. with a 5-minute check-in.

Regular Reports

For efficiency, all reports were presented as a group (prior meeting minutes, Finance, Councils, Senior Minister, Assistant Minister, Congregational Administrator); and with no questions or comments, were approved with a motion by Cindy Vacek and a second by Lynn Steele.

New Fundraising Proposal

Jan Miller presented an idea for an online marketplace of gently used goods; the items would be donated by congregants, with all proceeds benefitting UUSG. It would be called "New to U Marketplace," and she indicated the key to its success would be visibility (on all church platforms) and accessibility. This project falls under the Entrepreneurship umbrella, overseen by Bill Scown. The project was approved to move forward with a motion by Bob Swanson and a second by Dave Moore. The Finance Team will investigate sales tax and unrelated business tax implications; Jan will continue to develop.

Gift Property

Bob Swanson put forth a written proposal entitled "Third Street Land Development Task Force," with short- and long-term goals for the property. He said the task force currently consists of Bill Scown, Cindy Vacek, David Tomell, and himself. He would like one additional member. He indicated there were three instances when the task force would come to the Board for approval: 1) if the property needs to be altered to fit the definition of "church use," 2) before an agent is contracted to represent the property, and 3) for any lease agreement. It was agreed that the task force would work in tandem with the Building Task Force. The charter was approved with a motion by Cindy Vacek, seconded by Debbie Leoni. In addition, a motion by Debbie Leoni to appoint Bob Swanson as chairperson of the task force was seconded by Hal Schulman, and approved.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held.

Congregational Goals for Fiscal Year 2016

Hal Schulman highlighted areas in the document that were yet undetermined, primarily in the area of 2020 targets. With discussion, most targets were set. Hal will work with the Rev. Scott Talbot Lewis and Kathy Cornell

in two areas that still need information, and will circulate the document when completed.

Task Force Planning Calendar Recommendations

The new concept of November Roundtables -- which are intended to be a two-way dialog between the congregation and the Board -- was discussed. Because there is not enough time to properly introduce the concept to the congregation in this calendar year, a motion to delay the Roundtables until November 2016, which was made by Cindy Vacek and seconded by Bob Swanson, was approved.

Council Meeting Topic: January Meetings

Hal Schulman reported that the January 30 Leadership Retreat needs to be rescheduled due to a conflict. The purpose of the Leadership Retreat is to get the Board and Councils together, review current year's goals, and for the Board to get input from the Councils. It was agreed that the January 5 Council meeting would be dedicated to this purpose.

Future Agenda Items and New Business

Due to time constraints, several topics were deferred to the next meeting: Decision-Making Policy, approval of Ministry Team Charges, Board Goals, Board Covenant Draft.

In new business, Cindy Vacek said that the video everyone received was just a draft, and asked that it be kept under wraps until the final version is ready.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Next meeting is December 8 at 7:00 p.m.