

**Minutes of Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday January 10, 2017**

**Present:**

Jean Pierce, President  
Nancy Christensen 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Eric Jonke 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Pat Vary, Secretary  
Bob Swanson, Treasurer  
Kathy Cornell, Director  
David Moore, Director  
Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister, ex officio  
Scott Talbot Lewis, Assistant Minister, ex officio  
Christine Imielski, Congregational Administrator ex officio

**Absent:**

Gail Tattersfield, Director

**Others Present:**

Hal Schulman  
Neill Shanahan

**Board Call to Order** at 7:00pm

**Board Member Check in**

**Opening Meditation/Reflection:** Rev. Scott Talbot Lewis

**Regular Reports:** To save time all reports are accepted with one motion unless a board member requests a separate discussion

Prior Meeting Minutes (Secretary)

Finance (Treasurer)

Councils (VPs)

Sr. Minister

Asst. Minister

Congregational Administrator

Kathy Cornell moved and Pat Vary seconded, and Reports were approved.

**Announcements:**

Jean Pierce said that Brian Doyle probably will be with us as a new Board member next month.

There were not enough people signed up regionally, so the Webinar was cancelled.

**Jan. 21 Stewards gathering**

Kathy Cornell reminded us about the Jan. 21 Stewards get-together in the Common Room from 12-2pm, which will include lunch. She urged us to invite one new person to join us as we extend the Stewardship circle. Please RSVP to Kathy.

**Celebration Begins for our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Sunday, Jan. 29, 1:30pm: Don Brod will present a talk on the fascinating “History of UUSG”. Kathy urged each Board member personally to invite people to the talk.

Coming soon will be a talk by Kevin O’Neill from his research and Play on the “Life of Augustus Conant”.

Photographs of our church through time will be on display in the Common Room. The photographs have been restored and enlarged beautifully by Patrick McGleam.

**Jean Pierce Announced that the Annual Meeting will be on May 21, 2017.** The Board will host coffee hour that day.

**Not-for-Profit contact person:** Yearly the church must file a Not-for-Profit Report to the state. The statement requires a registered contact person. Christine Imielski was approved by the Board, with Nancy Christensen moving and Pat Vary seconding the motion.

**Council meetings** are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month so that the various teams can coordinate their efforts and facilitate necessary collaborations. Team reports are handed out beforehand. Once a year there is a **joint Board-Council meeting**. Pres. Jean Pierce has planned the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of February for that joint meeting. She has also asked the Board to reserve its usual meeting time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, in case it is required.

**Nominating Committee replacement for Eric Jonke.** Jean Pierce has asked the Board to submit the names of members they think know many in the congregation and would be effective in finding new leaders. Anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in the leadership of the church is urged to make someone on the nominating committee aware: Currently, the committee is Jim Frazier, Chair, Jim King, Ali Lanthrum and Lucy Thelin Atac.

**Board Representation on Ministry on Ministries.** There needs to be a Board representative on MOM. Kathy Cornell nominated Gail Tattersfield, Nancy Christensen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Facilities: Inspection Report and Actions Planned.** The Board received the Facilities Report and long list of necessary repairs, upkeep, and cost estimates planned for the church building. Jeannie Scown is a new enthusiastic addition to Facilities and is working with Jeff Stibal on several projects.

### **Emergency Exit and Fire Drill Policy**

Hal Schulman presented the revised Emergency Exit and Fire Drill Policy that now reflects more accurately what is actually being done. The emergency call-out list includes Christine Imielski, Lisa Rittenberry, Dave Tomell, Patrick McGleam, Deb Leoni and Geoff Pynn, Jean Pierce and Michele Hoecker. Bob Swanson urged the team to also consider emergency evacuation scenarios such as a tornado. Hal said they will. The new Policy was approved with Bob Swanson moving and Nancy Christensen seconding.

**Review of Bylaws:** Dave Moore will head a committee to review the Bylaws to determine whether any changes need to be proposed, including the separation of the Nominations Committee from the Board, and the number of chairs needed for the Council.

**Executive Board Session:** The Board voted to go into Executive Session on Personnel issues with Nancy C. moving and Kathy C. seconding and Neill Shanahan present.

**The Board exited from the Executive Session.**

Pat Vary moved and Nancy Christensen seconded to accept the resignation of Cathi Plass who serves as Church School Coordinator until January 20. The Board approved the motion.

The Board adjourned at 9:05pm.

Submitted by Pat Vary, Board Secretary

**Opening words/reflection** Feb: Lindsay March: Gail April: Pat May: Eric  
**Next Board Blog** Feb: Jean March: Kathy April: Nancy May: Bob June: Eric.