

## **Board Meeting Draft Agenda October 10, 2017**

### **Opening Meditation/Reflection:** Kathy

Nov. 14 - Brian (need volunteers for rest of the year)

### **Board Member Check in** - all, 5 min

**Regular reports** - 5 min. To save time we will accept all reports with one motion unless a board member requests a separate discussion

Prior Meeting Minutes (Secretary)

Finance (Treasurer)

Councils (VP's)

Sr. Minister

Asst. Minister

Congregational Administrator

### **Announcements:**

**Security** The Youth Outlook agency went to a policy about a year ago of having all sites lock the door at 7 and staff checking it every few minutes to see if there are kids standing outside. From 6:30 to 7, a staff should be monitoring. It's part of our building safety practices. We are almost always in a remote room in our locations. I will remind the Geneva staff

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Tech infrastructure - ongoing costs
- 2) Restricted Funds Policy
- 3) Time and Talents survey
- 4) Focus on Stewardship/Pledge drive/estate planning

### **New Business**

- 1) Interim Ministry - vote and task force

Questions from forum:

- Is the board planning on a one-year or two-year interim ministry period?  
(Note: I answered that a two-year period is recommended following a long settled ministry.)
  - If it's a two-year period, would we negotiate a two-year contract with an interim minister?  
OR  
Would we negotiate a one-year contract with an option to extend for an additional year?  
OR  
Would we plan on two one-year contracts with different interim ministers?
  - I answered that the board would consider all options.
  - I think these are questions to which we should devote some attention.
- It was also recommended that we consult with other UU congregations in our region (e.g., Naperville, Hinsdale, DuPage) that have gone through interim ministry in recent years to try to understand and learn from their experiences.
  - Note: I acknowledged that this seems like a good opportunity to enhance our own interim ministry process.
- Finally, I gather that there have already been some members and friends who have expressed interest in serving on the task force to select an interim minister.

- Until the board has a chance to meet and discuss this issue further, I think we should signal that the board has not yet determined how we will select the members of the task force—and that we will devise a method that gives voice to the entire congregation.
- I am personally in favor of inviting church members to nominate candidates at a service (sometime in the coming months) via note cards filled out in the pews. I maintain that the more we draw the congregation into this process, the more we will instill a sense of collective ownership over the outcomes.
- I think this is an important issue that we should discuss together face to face.

## **Comments by UUSG Members and Friends**