

UUYO Board of Trustees Meeting: 5/2/2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:04.

Present: Louisa Berger, Linda Mohn, Tom Beck, Rev. Matt Alspaugh, Molly Toth, Andy Crabb, Sarah Lowry, Ralph Malmer

Absent: Anita Wesler (tried to call in but conference number was not active)

Roles for May

Facilitator: Tom

Process Observer: Molly

Time Keeper: Linda

Thank UUs: Linda

Bits from the Board: Andy

Minutes: Sarah

Reading of the Covenant

Consent Agenda

Minister's Report:

- Stewardship and Growth Conference on Sat., May 6 in Akron. Andy and Matt planning to attend.
- UU Church Handbook--document practices and procedures; living document that will be updated as needed
- Follow up on April 30 service looking at Racial Justice--might we consider public recognition for Black Lives Matter: banner, flag, etc.
 - Further discussion during New Business

Treasurer's Report: Revenue for April high due to pledge and Jack Brizzi insurance policy.

- Steeple removal and disposal paid for
- YWCA Barbara Wick Transitional Housing -- \$295
- GA Scholarship -- \$395

Previous Meeting Minutes: No corrections/additions.

Molly moves to approve Consent Agenda; Linda seconds; unanimous approval.

Old Business

Ministerial Search Committee:

- Congregational record and application turned into Transitions Team
- No names received yet
- Search Committee will have until May 12 to interview First Round Candidates and make offer
- If no responses in First Round, Second Round begins on May 26
- Search Committee will handle interviewing and make recommending to the Board; Board holds meeting and makes motion to approve

125th Anniversary:

- Mark Morrison Reed unavailable to speak--looking for new speaker
- New meeting to be scheduled soon
- Women's Alliance pledged \$500 to 125th ceremonies
- Louisa compiled information about former ministers at UUYO--send invitations to come to celebration

- Events commemorating the anniversary will continue throughout the year

Fundraising Initiatives:

- Collectible and Treasure Sale: May 19 and 20
 - Looking for items to be donated
 - Looking for volunteers
 - Organizational meeting next week, Weds., May 10 at 6:30 PM in Channing Hall
 - Announcements during upcoming Sunday Services
 - Media Plan: Press Release; Social Media
 - Sarah and Lukas to coordinate Social Media
- Auction in September
 - Solicit donations from businesses
 - Begin planning in Summer
- Linda to look into another basket raffle
- Diana Palardy interested in “Wait, Wait” or *Handmaid’s Tale* themed fundraiser
 - Sarah to share events checklist and help Diana plan event(s)

Stewardship for 2017: Need to develop Finance Committee and coordinate fundraising activities.

- Formal announcement in Sunday Service--looking for interested volunteers
- Finance Committee and Stewardship would be separate (eventually), but Stewardship Committee would report to Finance Committee--may overlap in volunteers
- Talk with people one on one and invite them to join--clearly explain expectations, why they are a good fit, who else has committed, etc.
 - Ellen Satre
 - Gene Pusateri
 - Karen Lupidis
 - Lisbet White
 - Scott Baker
 - Mary June Tartan
 - Mark Vance
 - Audra Carlson
 - Davin Carlson
 - Lukas Darling
 - Hunter Thomas
 - Monica Hite
 - Bob Siebold
- Duties include: establish budget, run stewardship program, oversee fundraising
- Develop sub-committees on specific projects as needed

Share the Plate for June: UU Akron for Sanctuary Church Efforts

- STP July: YWCA Warren STEAM Camp, money for scholarships
- STP August: URC (get more specifics)

Thank UUs: Lisbet White for Black Lives Matter Banner; Bob Siebold for Workparty; Gina Vance, Sarah Lown, Gina D’Angelo for attending Worship Arts Conference; Audra Carlson for organizing March for Science; Gary Davenport for organizing Social Justice Fair

New Business

Committee on Ministry:

- Is Committee on Ministry for CLMs only or to be expanded?
 - Current members: Linda Mohn, Anita Wesler, Carole McWilson
- Maybe add a few members from search committee to expand to include new contract minister in addition to CLMs?
- New Ministers need CoM and Board to recommend for annual certification
- Need to review the By-Laws--cleanup and simplification
 - Agenda Item for June meeting--By-Laws Committee
- Begin to think about CoM in advance of new minister coming in August
 - Practice to ask Search Committee members to continue service

Other New Business:

- BLM Display (Banner, Flag, etc.): Importance of partnering with communities of color not speaking for them, separate from them
 - Discussion about developing closer relationship with leaders in the African American community
 - Discussion about other efforts to raise awareness of UU support for social justice issues/support for communities affected by institutionalized oppression
- Voting Procedure in GA--Discussion about allowing UUYO Delegates vote their conscious or vote on behalf of the Congregation
- Next Work Party: Saturday, May 13

Generative Discussion

Roles for June

Facilitator: Ralph

Process Observer: Linda

Time Keeper: Louisa

Thank UUs: Anita

Bits from the Board: Molly

Minutes: Sarah

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 6 at 6 PM

Meeting concluded at 8:00 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Sarah Lowry