

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of April 19, 2017 Meeting

Attendance

Phil Turner (President), Richard Culler (President Elect), Sandy Chubon (Secretary), Bob Whitaker (Treasurer).
Members at large: Emilio Perez-Jorge, Tim VanDenBerg, Joan Watterson. Marc & Patty Drews (Past Co-Presidents), Rev. Jennie Barrington, Joe Long (Chair Finance Committee).

Absent: Donald Griggs, Cheryl Soehl.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Phil Turner at 6:32 PM. Patty Drews lit the chalice and provided opening words. Trustees reaffirmed their covenant.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 18, 2017 and the March 15, 2017 meetings were approved.

Staff Reports

Reports were accepted from Rev. Jennie and the staff.

Committee Reports

Technology Services They have money available to purchase a computer for the RE program and hearing enhancement equipment for the sanctuary. They need some encouragement to spend their money.

Building & Grounds had a successful work day.

Membership The New Member Dinner was a success. We have had 39 new members since the last dinner. Our annual picnic is scheduled for May 13 at Suzi Garland's home.

Finance Committee Bob reported that our earlier trends continue. Pledge payments are down but non-pledge giving is up and continuing to rise. Currently we have a positive variance of \$21,000+, down from \$27,000+ last month. As of April 9, Capital Campaign payments totaled \$115,000.

The Committee plans to have a meeting Wednesday, May 31, to explain the budget to members and friends before the Annual Meeting.

CYRE Tim reported they will have their planning retreat May 6. They plan 2 weeks of Hog Warts camp this summer. The OWL class for 4th – 6th graders has been postponed due to low enrollment.

UUCG Governance Committee Richard reported they have not met; they have a meeting scheduled for April 25. Regina has been doing a lot of work and sharing it with the committee.

Building Renovation Richard reported they met April 11 and are scheduled to meet again May 9. They reviewed the feedback they got from the various constituency groups and they labeled that as "Wish List". They

put it aside for the time being; after they have bids from contractors they will re-visit the wish list to see what might be feasible. They hope to have plans out for bids from contractors by June 1. We discussed the probability of conflict over the space between renters and contractors. Hogwarts is scheduled July 17-28. We will plan to begin construction by August 1 at the earliest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Coffee House Bob left \$1500 in their checking account and put the remainder of their funds into our general fund.

Harmony School They are using Peck as their architect. He is currently doing a feasibility study for them.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Request Social Action Committee asked for the Board's approval to hang their sign welcoming people in three different languages. Approval was given.

Delegates to General Assembly We are entitled to 4 delegates. We approved Pippin Whitaker at an earlier board meeting. Members planning to attend GA also include Dave Crockett, Bob & Keitha Whitaker, and Stephanie Palmer-Smith. Dave does not want to be a delegate. We approved Bob, Keitha, and Stephanie as our remaining three delegates.

Ministerial Search Committee They are into the second round of the search process. There are 8 candidates in this round and 11 congregations searching. Our committee has invited four for telephone interviews. They will probably bring in two for visits. They can make an offer when they are ready; there is no arbitrary date set for calls.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Minutes recorded by

Sandy Chubon, Secretary