

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of March 15, 2017 Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: President Phil Turner, President-elect Richard Culler, Treasurer Bob Whitaker, Ex-Officio members: Past Co-Presidents Marc and Patty Drews, Finance Chair Joe Long, Rev. Jennie Barrington, Members at Large: Donald Griggs, Emilio Perez-Jorge, Cheryl Soehl, Tin VanDenBerg, Joan Watterson
Absent: Secretary Sandy Chubon

CALL TO ORDER

Phil called the meeting to order at 6:30, lit the chalice and provided the opening words. Everyone then took turns checking in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 15 meeting were read and accepted after Marc revealed that he was, in fact, not present.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports from Rev. Jennie, the Administrator and the Director of Children and Youth Religious Education were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob reported that we are still in good shape financially with pledges just under expectation, non-pledge giving, plate collections and fund-raising over the expected figures. Capitol Campaign payments are at \$110,709.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technical Services- Donald reported that a member donated \$5,000. to provide a hearing impaired device. David Roof is working to research, purchase, and install the equipment.

Building & Grounds- Phil reported that we have a newly installed HVAC system in the library. He also said that he had painted over the burn marks on the wall and ceiling of the stage. The work day that was postponed due to a memorial service has been rescheduled and will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 9AM until noon.

Membership- Patty reported that the new member dinner is being planned and will take place March 25th in the Social Hall. All new members who have joined in the past year have been invited. She added that the UUCC membership is over 200 now.

Finance- Pledges for the new year as of March 11th were 62 units. Our target budget amount is estimated at \$225,000.

Adult RE- Emilio reported that a number of people are volunteering to help renovate and set up the library. New Member Classes are being planned.

CYRE- Tim reported that the Hogwarts Camps have been announced.
The planned OWL class has been postponed until one more person applies.
Fundraisers- The car wash was postponed due to snow.

UUCG Governance- Richard reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow (March 16th).

Building Renovation- Richard reported that group informational meetings with the congregation and staff have occurred. Richard will meet with Peck Drennen and incorporate feedback ideas from both meetings into the plan. The budget Peck provided us last year for the project has been tweaked a little. It apparently only included cost of supplies and construction and did not include professional fees. Richard predicts about \$4,500. for professional fees and \$167,000. for non-professional fees.

Social Action- Cheryl reports that due to our on-going and recent S.A. activities she feels that we are becoming closer with people and groups in the community.

Upcoming S.A. events:

April 1- NAMI Walk- donations are good but a physical presence is important.

April 2- "Beyond Vietnam"- a film about MLK will be presented at UUCG in conjunction with the SC Peace Resource Center.

March 17- the Friends Society will have a program on non-violence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Coffee House- Bob has not closed the account as they have not responded to his request. He proposes to send them \$1000. and close the account.

Harmony School- Peck and Tim met with the Columbia City Planning Department. They were helpful and gave contact names for future information. At the meeting of the Harmony School Board the subject of UUCG renovation vs. building on the Harmony School property was discussed. They have a figure for the construction of the school on the Covenant Road property. The next step is to present it to the parents and get opinions. Tim predicts this meeting will take place near the end of the school year.

NEW BUSINESS

Congregational Meeting- Phil checked the calendar and thinks June 4th would fit into the schedule for the Congregational Meeting. Patty moved to accept that date, Bob seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Ministerial Search Committee- The committee submitted a written report stating that of the three short list candidates only one was left. They are planning to make an offer to this candidate on March 30th. In the event that the offer is not accepted they are requesting that The Board advise them what to do. They suggested:

- going back into the pool in "Round 2"
- asking Rev. Jennie to stay on for another year
- starting our own search process/finding an interim on our own
- other

Rev. Jennie requested that she not be considered due to time constrictions with her interim process and that it is traditionally not done. After some discussion Bob moved that we direct the committee to initiate Round 2. Cheryl seconded and the vote was unanimously positive.

Ministerial Contract- Rev. Jennie strongly suggested that there be a collaborative, very specific back and forth between the new minister and The Board, with understanding about responsibilities such as how many Sunday's per month the minister is responsible for.

Minimum pledge for UUCU Membership was discussed.

Delegates to General Assembly- Phil reported that Pippen Whitaker has rejoined the congregation and would like to be considered as a GA delegate. Donald moved to accept, Tim seconded. It was passed.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Watterson, member