

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of May 17, 2017 Meeting

Attendance

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

Call to Order

Phil Turner called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Bob Whitaker provided a reading and members reaffirmed our Board Covenant.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting were approved.

UUC Minister's Report

Rev. Jennie reported that the Search Committee has found a minister for us. They will not release his name until the background checks are complete and he has an opportunity to inform his present congregation that he is leaving. Rev. Jennie knows him and likes him very much. Our candidating week will be June 11-18. The Board will meet with the new minister for a potluck dinner the evening of June 11 at Phil Turner's home.

Staff Report

The administrator's report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

At the end of April we had a positive variance of \$29,583.11. Expenses are \$10,354 less than planned. Capital Campaign payments as of April 30 totaled \$115,381.

Committee Reports

Technology Services The new computer is here for the RE program.

Building & Grounds They plan to write a room usage policy for the library. Phil will work with the Building and Grounds Committee to create the first draft.

Membership The congregational picnic was cancelled due to the weather; they plan to re-schedule it in early October.

UUC Governance Richard reported they met April 25 and reviewed a lot of work by Regina. They are beginning to put together the final report.

Building Renovations The committee met May 9 to review Peck's plans but he missed the meeting. Peck is now committed to have his plans complete and ready for review by May 29, his structural engineer will complete his plans by May 30. The

committee will meet May 30 to review both sets of plans. At that time they should be able to determine whether construction can begin August 1.

An Electrical Assessment of the building has been done and it revealed that we have 14 outlets in and around the kitchen all feeding into one circuit. The stoves are on a separate circuit. The electrician has developed a plan to repair that system and it should be done soon at a cost of \$2,500. This project is considered maintenance or repair of the building, it is not part of the renovations.

Social Action Cheryl reported they are planning for the Pride Parade on October 20. It will be held at night this year. They plan to move Share the Plate out of the Social Action Committee. We will be sponsoring the farmer with fresh produce on Sunday mornings again this summer. Plans are underway to share a Ramadan dinner in our building with a group of Muslims.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Coffee House The money that the Coffee House is entitled to for the past year is in their checking account and they have been told to get it from there.

Harmony School has had a feasibility study looking at building on their property versus building on ours. They are exploring financing options, looking at whether they could pay the debt service with their rent. They have a waiting list of students who want to attend the school. They will continue exploring to see if it is feasible for them to work with us.

Position Descriptions for all staff have been located and placed in a single location in Andrea's office.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of FY18 Budget Joe Long presented the budget and it was approved. He will hold a meeting to discuss the budget with any interested members/friends on May 31 at 7:00 PM. The annual meeting will be June 4 after our morning service.

Ministerial Contract Rev. Jennie reviewed some parts of the contract with our new minister to be sure that board members were clear about what we have agreed to before candidating week.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Minutes recorded by

Sandy Chubon, Secretary