

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of May 15, 2019 Meeting

Attendance

Tim VanDenBerg (President), Bob Whitaker (Treasurer), Bob Gillespie (Secretary), Linda Brennison (President-Elect), Jeanette Walton, Terrence Sullivan, Mary Maclachlan, Richard Culler (Past President), Richard McLeod and Pat Mohr. Also: Caroline Eastman (*Ex Officio* as Chair, Finance Committee)

Call to Order

Tim VanDenBerg called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. The chalice was lighted and Caroline Eastman gave a reading on “doing the work of the congregation.”

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April’s meeting were approved..

Staff Liaison Report

Linda Brennison reported that there was no staff meeting in May.

Committee Reports

Richard Culler reported that gender-neutral bathrooms signage is being sought. Linda Brennison said those should be found by July 1.

Terrance Sullivan reported that Beck Sullivan is planning on where advertising for a new Director of Religious Education should be placed. Richard McLeod said the Personnel Committee has approved requirements for the post.

Treasurer’s Report

Bob Whitaker reported that pledges for the 2019-20 capital fund, including pledges by former members who have left the church, should be enough that the bridge loan by Phil and Lis Turner can be repaid. Bob proposed that funds of \$17,060 be used to repay the loan. The Board approved the proposal by voice vote.

Bob also said pledges for the coming fiscal year are running ahead of pace.

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The session ended at 7:55 p.m.

Old Business

Jeanette Walton reported that talks have taken place with Newberry's Clayton Memorial UU church regarding how to support them in their role as a sanctuary church. She said the UUCC is not proposing to become a sanctuary church at this time.

Tim VanDenBerg reported on CFTs (cross-function teams) and said he will continue to serve as the church's litigation liaison. He said discussions will continue on long-range financial planning for the UUCC.

New Business

Linda Brennon reported that donations of \$1,000 have been made by the family of Mary Heriot for use in the UUCC kitchen. Linda proposed those funds be moved into a new restricted account specifically for the Kitchen Committee. The proposal was approved by voice vote.

Linda reported another donation of \$6,500 from the Heriot family. Bob Whitaker proposed that those funds be placed in a restricted construction account. The proposal was approved by voice vote.

Tim VanDenBerg reported that up to four delegates from UUCC to the GA (TIM: General Assembly?) are needed, and said that Andrea Dudick will send out an e-blast asking for volunteers to be delegates, who can participate on-line.

Tim led discussion about the annual congregational meeting, scheduled for June 2. Topics for that meeting may include possible litigation issues and use of revenues from the UUA's Wake Now program.

2019-20 Budget

Discussions took place regarding the upcoming year's budget. Board members approved increasing the salaries of the Bookkeeper, the RE Assistant and the Nursery Assistant. The final budget result is a positive total of less than \$1,000.

During budget discussions, Tim VanDenBerg proposed that UUCC raise its APF contribution to the UUA to the recommended 6.75 percent (\$16,289) for the fiscal year 2019-20, up from a previous contribution of 6 percent. The Board approved the proposal, and approved moving \$3,000 from the Legal Defense Fund to help meet that amount. The Legal Defense Fund now stands at \$15,000.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Bob Gillespie, Secretary