

November 14, 2016
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Unitarian Church of Davis

Board Members present: Mari, Perla, Chair; Carol Corbett, Vice-Chair; Barbara Bower, Odessa MacLean, Walter Fulde, Matt Seelke

Absent: Karen Klussendorf

Others present: Beth Banks, Senior Minister; Morgan McLean, Minister for Congregational Life; Elizabeth Assenza, Intern and Campus Minister; Marty West, Operations; Jerry Friis, Operations; Ann Halstead, Policy; Jack Whitsett, Congregant.

Opening Activities

7 pm: Mari Perla called the meeting to order.

Morgan McLean lit the chalice.

Mari Perla presented changes to the agenda, and the altered agenda was approved.

Announcements

1) New Member ceremony, November 20.

2) Important to welcome visitors. Beth announced that more people have been coming to the church this last week, both new visitors and returning people. Some are expressing interest in social justice. The church is serving an important role for people, their concerns and their need to gather. There will be a small meeting of congregational leaders to discuss the current situation. Mari spoke of writing a letter from our church to the Davis mosque to express our concern and support.

Opening reading: Beth, having been delayed, came late and gave an opening reading about reactions of children after the election, and how we can respond to them.

3) Congregational input. Jack Whitsett announced that there is an upcoming meeting of the Finance Team to look at the October financials. (Karen Naliboff, the Finance Officer was not present at this meeting, so there was no formal Finance report this month).

Consent Agenda

Barbara Bower moved that the consent agenda be accepted. First, there was discussion about Beth's staff report. Carol Corbett asked to hear how the current election results were affecting the students on campus and, in particular, Beth's "Faithify" project. Following discussion, the motion was approved, and all the items below were accepted:

1. Board Minutes of October 10, 2016 2. Staff Reports 3. Operations co-chairs reports 4. S. Kimmel's Request for Congregational Sponsorship 5. Revised Charge for the Celebration of Life Team

6. New Chairs and co-chairs of the Celebration of Life Team 7. Endowment Fund Policy 8. Revised Gift Acceptance Policy 9. Finance Reports

Discussion and Action

I. Auction: Mari Perla shared information about the success of the auction. She asked for ideas about how to show gratitude to Autumn Labbe-Renault. There is a hard copy of a report from Autumn. The income from this fundraiser is \$21,055 for the Fund-a-Need, and \$21,260 from the auction.

II. Mari Perla led a discussion of Chapters 2-4 of a book she suggested that all Board members might read: Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership.

III. Jill Pickett joined the meeting and led a discussion about the RACI method of assessing communication. The Board had learned of this method at the last retreat. The discussion focused on the topic of setting the agenda for the Board meetings.

IV. Beth led a time for sharing personal reactions to the election of last Tuesday.

Break V. Board Members will participate in welcoming on Sundays. This was

clarification for an ongoing process and discussion. Board Members will not take on responsibilities of the people who serve as “Greeters”. Instead, they will simply be present along with the people on the welcoming team, will greet people, be prepared to answer questions or help people find answers, direct people as needed (such as to the Bridgehouse), and be alert to safety concerns. Mari has prepared red ribbons to enhance Board members name tags.

VI. Report on review of Board goals. Walter Fulde said that his subgroup has met and has been reviewing several documents: mission, goals, ends statements, strategic plan. The subgroup is Walter, Beth, Mari, and Karen Klussendorf. Because Karen was not present, the report will be continued at a future meeting.

Closing Activities

Odessa MacLean gave the meeting evaluation. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

respectfully submitted by Donna Sachs, Secretary to the Board

Attachments

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9. Finance Reports
 - a. Financial report for September 2016
 - b. Profit and Loss statement
 - c. Balance sheet