

East Shore Board of Trustees Meeting August 11, 2019

Present: Bob Ross, Sue Borstein, Diana Jackson, Minna Zelch, Mary Stewart-McGovern, Jared Hammond, Shirley Hairston

Attending: Rev Denis Letourneau Paul, Halcyon Domanski, Pat McGovern, Marten Schreiber

Meeting called to order at 12:13 pm by Vice Chair, Mary Stewart-McGovern. Quorum established.

Check-in and brief reading shared. Updates and additions to the agenda occurred.

Motion made by Diana Jackson to accept the July minutes as presented. Seconded by Minna Zelch. Motion passed with one abstention.

Reports:

1. Building and Grounds (Marten Schreiber)

Marten shared that mulch has not been placed on playground yet. This is something that Halcyon will continue to pursue. Lengthy discussion related to repairs and costs needed to fix DRE office. Estimates received would address repairs to the wall, siding and roof. Marten did express concern that there would still be additional work to be completed that is not in the estimates. Also expressed concern about the importance of someone with expertise be on site to oversee repairs being done.

Motions made by Shirley Hairston (as a Finance Committee recommendation) that the Board of Trustees allocate and authorize up to \$15000 from the Building Fund for necessary repairs to the DRE office. Marten Schreiber (as head of the Building and Grounds) has the authority to have work initiated. Motion seconded by Minna Zelch. Motion passed.

It is also noted that \$1000 allocated at July board meeting has not been spent.

Projects related to House Next Door are on hold until the Fall.

2. Chair Report: none as Julia unable to attend meeting. Reminder that Board Retreat is September 14th at Morgan Swamp. Food sign-up sheet sent out. Rev Denis and Julia will work on the agenda which will include both board and ministry goals.
3. Minister Report: see attached. Rev Denis emphasized signing up for both the Crop Walk and Alzheimer's Walk in September.
He asked about the use of the Venmo app as way for congregants to pay their pledges. Shirley Hairston will bring this suggestion to the Finance Committee.
Rev Denis shared that UU Congregation of Cleveland is having a celebration service on Saturday, September 7th. Request has been made that East Shore be present and as group light the chalice.
4. DRE Report: See attached. Halcyon is overseeing the Great Calendar Event and encourages everyone to attend. DRE received and shared thank you card from Marlene Ross for the scholarship monies to attend River Rising leadership camp.

5. Membership Report: Membership count is 157 members. New UU class will be held on the first Sunday of the month.

6. Treasurer Report and Financial Secretary Report:

Shirley noted that on income and expense report that there were a couple of accounting errors related to the Magnolia Project that were corrected. Noted that they are in process of transferring account signatures from Dan Bond to Shirley. She hopes to have a discussion with the bank about increasing percentage of interest on our accounts.

Motion made by Diana Jackson to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Seconded by Mary Stewart-McGovern. Motion passed.

7. Finance Committee.

Finance committee is recommending that church use the online transfer capabilities with First National Bank as this would simplify our accounting and clean up issues with the special collections.

Question had been raised by congregant about refinancing of church mortgage with low interest rates. Shirley explained that there is difference between personal vs corporate mortgages and that refinance of church mortgage had occurred in past two years. This is an issue that Finance Committee will continue to monitor.

Finance committee is recommending that the church enter into another Capital Campaign in the Fall. Ruth Troup has agreed to chair the campaign again. It was briefly discussed about having a legacy campaign. Rev Denis shared concerns that he has heard related to this topic.

Motion made by Shirley Hairston that the Board of Trustees authorize the Finance Committee to proceed on developing a new Capital Campaign. Seconded by Diana Jackson. Motion passed.

Continued discussion on Stewardship campaign as Vice Chair is in charge of this project. Continued discussion about pros/cons of home visits. Discussion tabled until Julia can be present for the discussion.

8. Committee on Ministry is meeting today.

New Business:

Motion made by Mary Stewart - McGovern that Executive Session be tabled until Chair returns for next meeting. Seconded by Shirley Hairston. Motion passed.

Question raised by Sue Borstein related to rotation of members on Fahr Fund as this did not occur at Annual Meeting. Discussed that this is also applicable to Memorial Garden Trustees. This is added to Board Action Plan for next month.

Motion made Mary Stewart-McGovern to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Shirley Hairston. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm. Bob Ross will be monitor in September.

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 8th at 12:15 pm.

Submitted by Sue Borstein, Board Secretary