

## East Shore UU Board Meeting, December 9, 2018

**In attendance** (Board): Bob Ross, Mary Bender, Marten Schreiber, Laura Solomon, Kristine Burkwood, Julia Kotowski, Scott Wise, Rev. Denis, Jared Hammond, Dan Bond

**In attendance** (non-Board): Patrick McGovern

### Reports

- A. **Chair:** Report was emailed to the Board previously.
- B. **Minister:** Report was emailed to the Board previously.
- C. **DRE:** 40 gift bags will be given to Forbes House and WomenSafe as a result of Cookies with Santa.
- D. **Building and Grounds:** Some wallpaper has been removed, a good number of chairs are “in process” as far as getting repaired. Next clean-up they’ll probably finish those and then check the rest of the chairs to make sure they all have feet on them. The next clean-up is the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. Halcyon will need to get paint; the OWL room is ready for painting. Dan mentioned that there needs to be more communication about the House Next Door; people are unsure what’s going on with it. Marten said that Carole Clement is going to be working on an ongoing series about it.
- E. **Membership:** Report was provided. Membership count is currently 150 and that is the number that will be reported to the UUA. New directories are available in the narthex. Patrick has an item from the UUA that is to possibly going to be discussed and (maybe) voted on at General Assembly. This item is tabled for the next meeting; Patrick will send a link to the text to the Board.
- F. **Treasurer:** Nothing extraordinary. The balance should be of December 7, not November 30 as it says on the report.
- G. **Financial Secretary:** Income/expense report was emailed to the Board previously. Income is above than what was budgeted and is actually higher than what appears on the report—the credit card payments for the art show were sent to Jerie Green, who didn’t know what to do with them. So not all of the income is posted (although it is in the bank). Mary says we’re in good shape.
- H. **Finance:** Library shelving: the consensus is more information is needed. Laura will attend a finance meeting to provide that. Another concern is a lack of people to chair fundraising events. The rummage sale was discussed; Marten suggested have a chair for each type of item (kitchenware, furniture, etc.). Scott mentioned that there isn’t enough energy to keep doing big fundraisers. Denis suggested a more curated collection of items for dealers at the rummage sale (no electronics, no plastic, no clothes). Chairs are need for auction, Night the Races, and rummage sale. Dan suggested a general call for all of these. Bob will do that.
  - a. **Capital Campaign:** Ends in June of this year.
  - b. **Stewardship:** Julia will be doing this.
- I. **Committee on Ministry:** The COM was adamant that Denis should not leave at the end of the contract year. The 3 on, 1 off schedule has not been working; Denis has not yet had a real furlough week this year. Denis suggested having two full days off per week. The COM has to make a recommendation to the Board.

### New Business

1. **Intergenerational Work:** Rev Denis, Bob and Scott are reaching out to the Silent Generation folks. Planning to do outreach at Breckenridge in January. A Gen X/Millennial meeting/dinner has been planned by Denis and Laura for January 26<sup>th</sup> at Laura Solomon’s house. Denis has asked our UU rep to give him

some dates for when she can come to help with “sifting” (prioritizing urgent needs). Once that date is set, the Board will each be asked to call members to request them to come directly. Nothing has been arranged for Boomers yet because of the enormous amount of pastoral care that Rev. Denis has had to manage over the past two months. Rev. Denis talked about a need for clearing red tape in order to encourage more social activity amongst members. Dan motioned for a new policy that if someone wants to do a social activity that the entire congregation is invited to and costs less than \$200, it does not need to be pre-approved by the Finance Committee or Board. Any funds collected would go to the church. Scott seconded. Motion carried. Bob will put this in the *Beacon*. Laura will talk to Linda Work about getting it into the policy manual.

2. **Blood Drive Request:** All volunteers provided by the Red Cross. A signup sheet has already appeared in the Narthex and it is being called the Ralph Friedman Memorial Blood Drive. Halcyon will need to make sure that two rooms are cleared beforehand.
4. **Committee Chairs/Members List:** A final list is being finished and was passed around for a last look to Board members.
5. **Commissioned Lay Minister (CLM) Request Update and Possible Funding Source:** Bob is working on a potential grant for this.
6. **By-Laws Updates:** We may need Tim Ray to attend a Board meeting to figure out what the Board is going to bring to the congregation. Some changes are more controversial than others. Maggie Calkins is actually in charge of the by-laws committee at the moment.
7. **Stewardship Chair-Vice Chair Idea:** Julia spoke with Ruth Troup and Nancy Tozer, who have both worked on stewardship. Ruth suggested that stewardship should be the responsibility of the Board vice-chair. That way, the vice-chair gets to know members of the congregation. Julia proposes to add the responsibility be added to those of the Board vice-chair. It would constitute a by-laws change and should go to the by-laws committee. Bob will talk to Maggie Calkins about this.
8. **Safety & Security Committee Work:** There is a lot of debate about locking doors during the service and a quote from Sievers about installing surveillance cameras. Bob thinks that a conversation needs to be had with the congregation about both of these issues. It was suggested to add this conversation to the proposed by-laws change meeting (likely to take place in February).
9. **Memorial Garden Trustee:** Dan motioned to add Scott Wise as the third trustee of the Memorial Gardens (since Linda Lekson passed). Kristine seconded. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**12:15 p.m.**