

East Shore UU Board of Trustee Meeting  
February 9, 2020

**Present:** Diana Jackson, Jared Hammond, Shirley Hairston, Sue Borstein, Minna Zelch, Mark Guizlo, Julia Kotowski, Mary Stewart-McGovern

**Absent:** Bob Ross

**Attending:** Rev Denis Letourneau Paul, Halcyon Domanski, Marten Schreiber, Bree Byrd

Meeting called to order at 12:15 pm by Julia Kotowski, Chair. Centering and brief centering with participants. No additions made to agenda

**Motion made by Shirley Hairston to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded and passed.**

**Motion made by Shirley Hairston to accept the January 12, 2020 minutes. Seconded and passed.**

**Motion made by Shirley Hairston to accept the January 20, 2020 email minutes used to approve urgent funding for replacement of HVAC in RE Wing. Seconded and passed.**

**New Business:**

1. Music Program Update. Committee unable to meet on 2/8, Dale Luckwitz is still working on survey for the congregation.
2. Millennium Salon for Organizational Restructure is scheduled for February 23, 2020
3. Taxables Pantry Update. Bree Byrd presented goals for an East Shore Diapers and Taxables Pantry. Shared that she had reached out but still waiting for responses from a number of organizations in order to do needs assessment. Shared information on Ohio Diaper Facts and needs of families. Discussion related to steps needed to start the pantry. Board made request of Bree to (1) contact Fahr Fund trustees to see what start-up monies could be secured (2) Discuss with Finance Committee what additional funds would be needed before any outside fund raising would commence and (3) Work towards getting needs surveys completed.
4. Stewardship Campaign. Mary Stewart- McGovern will start working on campaign. Identified that target for pledging would be March 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion of using personal reflections during the month of March. Rev Denis encouraged that campaign give quick responses to early givers. Diana Jackson offered to do handwritten thank you notes as part of that response. Discussion of theme ideas and importance of incorporating the music program ministry needs.
5. Upcoming Events were reviewed including Chili Cook-off, Millennium Salon and Prayer Circle.
6. Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2020.

**Reports:**

1. Board Chair- see written report
2. Minister Report – see written report
3. DRE Report- Halcyon shared thank you note from Forbes House for donations given. Noted that she will attempt to be off the last three weeks in June, excepting COA service. She shared that RE Committee has completed all goals set from their last retreat. By invitation, there will be Retreat scheduled for June 13, 2020. The Home School group is again renting the building on Fridays from now through end of May 2020. The group has signed a liability waiver related to use of the playground.

4. Building and Grounds. Marten shared that new furnace is now working in the RE Wing and that the hallway in the RE Wing is finished. He is continuing to get bids for the carpeting in DRE office. Orkin came and gave suggestions (live traps and baits) on how to deal with mice issues both inside and around the church. On 2/16, group is meeting to work-on the reprioritization lists for the House Next Door.
5. Membership. Great Chili Cook-off is on 2/16. There are 155 members and 89 pledging units.
6. Treasurer Report. Budget numbers in power church are being corrected. Additional monies were received for the music fund. The church was charged storm water assessment fees for both the House Next Door and the church property. Shirley investigated why church had to pay. BJ Roberts completed the payroll taxes.  
**Motion made by Mary Stewart-McGovern to accept the treasurer's report as amended. Seconded and approved.**
7. Financial Secretary Report. Doing ok with income. Pleased that some people have started paying already on their 2020 capital campaign pledge.
8. Finance Committee- \$155,000 in pledges were received for the Capital Campaign
9. Committee on Ministry. Some concern that Rev Denis has still not seen his contract. Discussion within the committee that in past contract process had gone smoother when just one person oversaw it. Noted that Linda keeps a locked file for HR materials. COM requested that ability to reach out to Cindy Simerly to see if she could assist the committee. COM is putting together a letter to go out to the congregation about the process for finding our next ministerial candidate.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**Motion made by Shirley Hairston for meeting to adjourn. Seconded by Mary Stewart-McGovern. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.**

**Next Board Meeting March 8, 2020 at 12:15 pm**

**Submitted by Sue Borstein**

***Approved March 14, 2020***