

East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

January 12, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:10 P.M. on January 12, 2014, at East Shore, the Board Vice-Chair presiding in the absence of the Chairman and the Secretary being present.

Present: Jason McCann, Pat McGovern, Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner, Kristine Bowers, Halcyon Domanski, Dan Bond, Kaaren Biggin, Dan Waite and Mary Bender.

Absent: Dick Hurwitz and Rochelle Luckwitz.

Guests: Sharon Waite, Lynne Killgore, Eric Waldman, Nancy Theofrastous and Dave Michel.

Halcyon Domanski performed centering with a reading.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Jason McCann to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Secretary read letters from Arc of Greater Cleveland and People First, the UUSC, Homesafe, Inc. and Restore Cleveland Hope thanking East Shore for its recent contributions. (attached)

Worship Arts Committee

Nancy Theofrastous reported on new routines that the Worship Arts Committee will be implementing.

Extraneous announcements at the beginning of Sunday Service need to be curtailed.

- Per current policy: Only the board member/designated announcer should make any announcements from the pulpit during this portion of the service.
- The committee has designed an "Announcement Request Slip" for people to fill out. They may place this in the blue folder, give it to that morning's announcer prior to service or leave it on the pulpit prior to service.

The Committee believes that modifying the Sunday Order of Service to a 4 page bi-fold without a cover in lieu of the current 8 page bi-fold order of service will save paper and time. The other, consistently repeated information will be presented on a durable sheet of some type distributed in the seating section along with the hymnals and contribution envelopes.

Dan Bond made a motion that the Board approves of the changes that the Worship Arts Committee is making to the Sunday Order of Service. The motion was seconded and approved.

Action Plan:

Special Collections surplus investigation is still ongoing but nearing completion.

It has been determined that a Chalice Lighters grant will not work for the parking lot maintenance we need.

Email and Beacon newsletter announcements seeking volunteers for remaining open committee chairs, particularly Stewardship, will be done.

Meetup.com is no longer being considered by R.E. and Publicity as it doesn't seem to provide enough tools that would be useful at this time.

Reports:

A – Chair:

All items will be covered in New Business and Unfinished Business.

B – Minister:

Report is attached.

Additionally, 14 people are attending the study group Judy is having at Breckenridge and there are 7-8 people attending the group at East Shore.

C – Religious Education

Report attached.

An inquiry has been made by Evin Carville-Ziemer of Ohio Meadville District about the availability of East Shore's facilities to host OMD Youth's Goldmine Leadership Summer Camp. The camp would take place from July 7 – July 12, 2014. It would not impact any scheduled events at East Shore. A portable shower trailer would likely need to be rented and attached to our water supply and electricity. Costs would be assumed by OMD. East Shore would waive our rental fee.

A motion was made by Dan Bond that OMD be permitted the use of East Shore's facilities for it's Goldmine Youth Leadership Camp from July 7 through July 12, 2014. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

D – Membership Committee

The Membership Committee will be conducting orientation classes on March 16 and March 23, 2014. There will be a new member welcome ceremony on April 6, 2014.

Sharon Waite also reports that the Membership Committee is sponsoring the “Create-a-Scarf” for Homeless Stand-down again this year.

Elizabeth Young requested to be removed from membership after moving away from the area.

A motion was made by Pat McGovern to remove Elizabeth Young from membership of the church. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Membership now stands at 202 members.

E – Treasurer’s Report

Report attached.

F – Financial Secretary’s Report

Report attached.

A split offering collection calendar (see attached) was submitted to the board for approval. This calendar covers the next 18 months which will bring us into line with approving these collections over a fiscal year rather than a calendar year going forward.

Dan Bond made a motion to accept the split offering collection calendar as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

G – Finance Committee

All items already covered.

H – Stewardship Committee

Dave Michel reports that one current pledge was doubled and a number of new pledges were made to the church in the last few months. The current pledge amount stands at about \$187,000.00.

I – Transition Team

Lay Pastoral Care training with Mary Grigolia will take place this coming Saturday at East Shore. Twenty participants in total are expected to be in attendance. Kristine Bowers will take care of recording the event for future training use.

J – Developmental Minister Search Committee

The application for a Developmental Minister has been submitted to the UUA.

Unfinished Business

1 – St. Pauly Textile

The agreement that Dan Bond prepared has been sent to St. Pauly Textile. No response has been received yet.

2 – Social Justice Priorities

UUA asked that the board or congregation vote and submit it's views on what the UUA's social justice priorities should be set as at the upcoming General Assembly.

Dan Bond will conduct a paper questionnaire poll of members over the next two weeks, tabulate the results and submit them to Sharon Waite so she can submit it with the other congregational information the UUA needs by February 3, 2014.

3 – Open Committee Chairs

Announcements will be made via the newsletter and email inviting people to help with the open chairs in Stewardship and Social Justice.

4 – Entry Security

Tabled.

5 – Meetup.com

As discussed, we will not be going forward with this at this time.

New Business

1 – Blue Sky Folk Festival

Blue Sky is seeking an alcohol permit. No member of Blue Sky is in attendance.

A motion to table this issue was made by Dan Bond. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

2 – Sunday Announcements and Order of Service

Item was already covered

3 – UUA request for vote on Congregational Study/Action Issues

Item was dealt with under Unfinished Business #2.

4 – Parking Lot Lighting

The front parking lot light is not working. Dan Bond will contact someone to evaluate the problem and get it fixed.

5 – Art Show as a revenue source

The Art Show Committee has communicated to the board that due to their increasing age and the lack of new and/or younger members becoming involved with the committee, they are uncomfortable with the church depending on the Art Show as a revenue source going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McGovern, Secretary

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 12:15 p.m.

Centering: Mary Bender

Monitor: Jason McCann

Attachments:

December Action Plan

Minister's Report

R.E. Report

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary's Report

Split Offering Collection Calendar