

East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

February 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:08 P.M. on February 16, 2014, at East Shore, the Board Chair presiding and the Secretary being present.

Present: Dick Hurwitz, Dan Waite, Pat McGovern, Mary Bender, Kristine Bowers, Dan Bond, Rochelle Luckwitz and Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner.

Absent: Jason McCann, Kaaren Biggin and Halcyon Domanski.

Guests: Sharon Waite, Dave Michel, Lynne Killgore, Jerie Green, Ted Theofrastous, Nancy Tozer, Tim Ray and Becca Ray.

Mary Bender performed centering with a reading.

Agenda Changes / Early consideration:

New Business

1 – Bake Sale Approval

Becca Ray presented to the board her plan to conduct a bake sale after church on March 2, 2014. The proceeds would go to the Salvation Army's School Supply Kids program to help children obtain needed supplies. She is doing this as part of her participation in Leadership Lake County's Youth Leadership Academy. All goods will be donated by friends and members of the church. She and her parents will be responsible for set up and break down of the sale.

Kristine Bowers made a motion to approve the fundraising plan presented by Becca Ray and Tim Ray. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

5 – Blue Sky request

The North East Ohio Musical Heritage Association (NEOMHA) has been formed by the Blue Sky Folk Festival Committee as discussed earlier in the year. NEOMHA has applied to the IRS for designation as a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit corporation.

NEOMHA is producing a concert on March 29, 2014 at East Shore featuring Missy Raines & The New Hip and also regional performer Rebeka Jean.

NEOMHA is requesting that the board waive the church policy prohibiting vendors from selling alcohol for the May 17, 2014 Blue Sky Folk Festival. They would like to apply for a permit to do so, have already approached the Kirtland Police Department about their requirements and preferences and would have the appropriate liability insurance in place. They would be using local vendors and as such may be able to acquire additional sponsorship as a result.

A motion was made by Dan Waite to suspend the church policy of prohibiting the sale of alcohol by outside vendors for the Blue Sky Folk Festival on May 17, 2014. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

NEOMHA's board also indicated that it believes that there are funds in both the Blue Sky account, as well as some unattributed pass-through revenue elsewhere, that might be passed from East Shore to the new corporation and asks if the board might do so.

A motion was made by Mary Bender that the church Treasurer pay to NEOMHA any remaining funds in the Blue Sky account as well as any other of their revenue funds that he determines should be due to that account. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Mary Bender to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Pat McGovern read letters from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and The Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio, Inc. thanking East Shore for its recent contributions. (attached)

Reports:

A – Chair:

Report is attached.

B – Minister:

Report is attached.

In addition, Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner reports that the Lay Pastoral Care Training by Mary Grigolia went very well and actually had an attendance of 30 people total rather than the 20 initially expected.

C – Religious Education

Report attached.

D – Membership Committee

Sharon Waite submitted the 2014 UUA Certification of Membership to the UUA. The number of members officially submitted to the UUA on February 3, 2014 was 204.

Highlights of the 2012-2013 church year include:

- An attendance “high” of 112 for the Halloween Service.
- 62 “friends of the church” in our directory.
- 124 guests visited the church during the course of the year.

Lee Skully has had to suddenly move to Florida and will not be returning. He requests that he be removed from the membership roll.

Renee and Dave Morrell have also requested to be removed as members and be considered friends of East Shore.

A motion to remove Lee Skully, Dave Morrell and Renee Morrell from the church membership was made by Dan Bond. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Membership now stands at 201 members.

E – Treasurer’s Report

Report attached.

F – Financial Secretary’s Report

Report attached.

G – Finance Committee

Submitted the proposed budget for 2014-2015 (attached) and will have the Stewardship Committee proceed with the pledge goal of \$207,000 in the budget.

The Financial Review Committee has completed their work but has not yet submitted their report to either the committee or the board.

Going forward, recording of all amounts received via credit card for pledge payments and general church contributions will be handled by the Assistant Treasurer and communicated to the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. This should ensure less confusion on the application of revenues.

The Christmas Ornament fundraiser run by Robin McCann during December made \$265 dollars for the church. Plans are being made to have this again during the holiday season.

Lynne Killgore also discussed the new Rental Coordinator Report (January 2014 attached) that Jerie Green will be submitting to the Finance Committee going forward.

H – Stewardship Committee

Cindy Simerly and Joan McDermott have graciously agreed to serve as co-chairs for the Stewardship Committee.

The theme they have chosen to move this stewardship campaign forward with is: “We Are The Church.”

Stewardship will kick off March 16, 2014. One new feature will be a “contest” where the earlier members get their pledges in, the more church “shares” they will acquire. A prize will be awarded at the end of the campaign from a drawing from a pool of all the “shares.”

The annual “Blessing of the Animals” service will now be on March 23, 2013 to accommodate the Stewardship kickoff.

I – Transition Team

No report.

J – Developmental Minister Search Committee

Dick Hurwitz reports that the UUA reports that there are at least four ministers interested and investigating us. Keith Kron of the UUA expects that he may have a candidate for us to consider by the end of February.

Unfinished Business (resumed)

1 – St. Pauly Textile

Contracts are all signed. Determination of precise location of shed will be made in the next week or so. The board’s preference is that it be placed along the western edge of the rear parking lot, opposite the southernmost grass “island”.

2 – Social Justice Priorities

The 5 Congregational Study / Action Issues (CSAIs) that the congregation voted to submit to the UUA for their General Assembly (GA) agenda were: Ending the War on Terror, Escalating Inequality, Gun Violence: A Public Health Issue, Renewing and Securing our American Democracy and UU Values and the Pursuit of a Just Peace of Israelis & Palestinians. The one that was not submitted was Empowerment: Age and Ability Reconsidered. One of these six will be eventually selected at GA to be the CSAI from 2014-2018.

3 – Open Committee Chairs

The search continues for a Social Justice Chair.

4 – Entry Security

Tabled.

New Business (resumed)

2 – Announcement Sign-Up for February and March

Sign up was completed.

3 – Beacon Newsletter

There have been some technical glitches in the last month regarding production and distribution of the Beacon. It is reported that these should be resolved going forward.

4 – Handicap Signs

Sharon Waite reports the lack of handicap signs at the handicap spaces. Snow cover makes the handicap striping on the parking lot useless. Dan Bond will work on replacing the missing signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McGovern, Secretary

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 12:15 p.m.

Centering: Kristine Bowers

Monitor: Dan Bond

Attachments:

Blue Sky Update email of February 5, 2014

Board Chair Report

Minister's Report

R.E. Report

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary's Report

Board Action Plan – January

2014 UUA Certification of Membership Confirmation

2014-2015 East Shore UU Church Budget (2/16/2014)

January 2014 Rental Coordinator Report