

## **East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church**

### **Board Meeting 5/1/18**

**In attendance:** Laura Solomon, Dan Bond, Shirley Hairston, Kathleene Huntley, Nancy Tozer, Kristine Burkwood, Marten Schreiber, Mary Bender, Halcyon Domanski, Bob Ross, Rev. Denis, Carole Clements, Scott Wise, Tiffany Mackie

**Chair report:** Report was received.

**Minister's report:** Report was emailed last week.

**DRE's report:** Was emailed prior to the meeting. Halcyon mentioned that the kids raised \$300, not \$188.00 as mentioned in the report. Matching funds were also collected, leaving the amount only \$100 short of the \$1K goal for a new generator for Herps Alive. Also mentioned that her new contract is nearing completion. Nancy moved to approve Halcyon's request for a week of vacation. Motion carried.

**Membership report:** No report available.

**Treasurer's report:** Report was received. It's the same report as was passed out at the last board meeting, but payroll has been paid and the Powerchurch account balance is now \$27,396.01.

**Financial secretary's report:** We are slightly ahead on income and slightly under on expenses.

**Finance and Stewardship:** Best guestimate is \$179, 938 for pledges for campaign right now. Will be checking into moving the St. Pauly box closer to the building, so that the cost of plowing that far back can be reduced. Will not be having Night at the Races this year but will next year. Not planning on full-time minister and cannot give him an increase in pay. Secretary will be taking Mondays off and only working four days. She will still get a raise in line with UUA guidelines, but overall will be paid less since she will be working fewer hours. Both custodian and DRE will stay at same rate and same number of hours. Total expenses for 2018-2019 budget estimated to be at \$204, 027. 19 Bob moved to approve the budget. Motion carried.

A proposal to spend up to \$3,000 from the building fund for materials to repair and paint the walls in the RE wing was brought to the finance committee. This does not include any potential donations of materials. No timeframe, because it will be dependent on volunteers. Scott Wise motioned to approve up to \$3,000 from the building fund to purchase painting materials. Motion carried.

Dan and Martin spoke about the plans for the House Next Door. The finance committee has asked the HND committee to prioritize what needs to be done. Dan made a motion that the board reverses the previous resolution to grant \$18K to the HDN from the building fund, and that the board approve up to \$15K to the HDN for their undertakings from the building fund. Motion carried.

**Committee on Ministry report:** Tiffany referenced the t-shirt information in her Chair report. Rev. Denis suggested putting the \$500 raised for t-shirts into the board's discretionary fund to buy the t-shirts later. One t-shirt would be printed up for the annual meeting and then, after the mission statement is approved, let people sign up to get a free t-shirt. Rev. Denis also moved asked the board to add in the \$200 from that fund not spent from this past year. Dan moved. Motion passed.

**Unfinished businesses/action plan:** Discussion of what needs to go in the annual meeting letter to the congregation. Nancy pointed that the board chair needs to appoint a new person to the financial review committee at the annual meeting. The nominating committee has not yet come up with a RE chair for this coming year. They have not approached Kristine. Tiffany will contact the nominating committee.

**New business:**

*By-laws:* Full language of changes, not the summary, must be put in the mailing to members prior to the annual meeting.

*Marten:* The First UU Church of Cleveland is bringing in the Ohio Crime Prevention Association in on May 5 for training on active shooters and other crimes in places of worship. Marten asked if someone from the board could attend. Rev. Denis agreed to go. A couple of people from the Safety & Security committee will be attending.

*Carole:* Carole spoke about a play called *The Exonerated* which is used to raise funds for people released from Death Row. She would like to produce it here at the church; a portion of the funds would go to the church. She would like to do an evening and a matinee performance. Dan asked how we would vet the charity status of the organization receiving the funds for the exonerated. Carole sees this happening in October. Mary pointed out that, as a fundraiser, this needs to go through the finance committee.

Next meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Mary Bender will monitor.