

ESUUC Board Meeting July 1, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Bender, Laura Solomon, Kristine Burkwood, Dan Bond, Scott Wise, Bob Ross, Martin Schreiber, Kathleene Huntley, Jared Hammond, Julie Kotowski

Scott Wise is the monitor.

REPORTS:

Secretary's report: Dan motioned to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting as presented. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried. Scott motioned to approve the minutes of the May board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Chair's report: No report, since Bob just started as chair. Bob plans to do summaries of the board meetings for the church newsletters, going forward.

Minister's report: No report received at this time.

DRE's report: No report received at this time.

Membership report: No report received at this time.

Treasurer's report: Things look very good. The Finance committee would like the treasurer's report to include a new section for earmarked funds. Church is not earning much of anything on money in its savings accounts, currently. Dan has not received any guidance from the Investment Committee. Dan would like to consider taking even-dollar amounts out of these accounts and put them in a 6-month CD or Fidelity accounts (the even-dollar amounts makes interest easier). The Finance committee will need to look at this because of the need to shift things around in PowerChurch.

Financial Secretary's report: Income & expense statement was sent out prior by email. Current received pledges are below projected amounts, but Mary expects that at least some of that will filter in the next 2-3 months. But expenses are also lower than expected.

Finance report: Shirley Hairston previously emailed proposed loose collections splits. Mary motioned for the board to approve the presented splits. Kristine seconded. Motion carried.

Committee on Ministry report: A board member will need to be appointed. Will do this under 'New Business.'

Dan recommended that Buildings & Grounds reports should be a regular report made to the board. Scott suggested that we bump up this report to the beginning of meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION PLAN:

Next meeting will be August 12th at 12:15 pm. Mary Bender will take notes, since Laura cannot attend on that date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building and Grounds: \$340 is needed for a new weed trimmer. Martin asked if that could come out of the Building Fund. Dan motioned to approve the purchase from Building Fund money. Motion carried.

There had been a directive years ago for pesticides and chemicals not to be used on the grounds. Weeds are growing in the cracks in the parking lot, which is destructive to the asphalt. At least 4 different organic solutions have been tried, with poor results. The current policy allows the use of herbicides on lots and walkways. Dan motioned to allow the Building & Grounds committee to use chemicals on the lots and walkways (concrete and asphalt areas only). Motion carried.

It has been hard to get volunteers to weed flowerbeds and gardens. The committee has been looking for commercial bids on this. We'll look at any bids in August. Bob will send an appeal via listserv for next week's First Saturday workday.

Thursday, this coming week, the committee will be meeting with a contractor that is bidding on doing the stairs to the attic above the garage.

Martin is swamped, and really needs someone to take over buildings or grounds. Mary will look into the committee guides, which have not been updated in many years.

Dan says that a possum and a woodchuck have been live-trapped. They were living underneath the church. The woodchuck sat in the trap for a couple of days and suffered. Dan will not set anymore traps until traps can be regularly checked.

Monthly meetings: We will be meeting the second Sunday of each month.

August retreat: Tentatively set for Saturday, September 15th at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Will be at 3973 Calendar Road in Rock Creek at the Grand River Conservation Campus:
<https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/ohio/placesweprotect/morgan-swamp-preserve.xml>

COM appointee: Tiffany is already the board's liaison and has volunteered to continue in this position.

By-Laws Update: Bob wondered if another all-church meeting should be scheduled. Martin suggested that the changes should be incremental, starting with getting the one changed about allowing meeting notices to go out via email, which would save postage costs long-term. Bob will contact Tim Ray and ask him to make some recommendations.

Reimbursement for use of facility: Dan motioned to refund the McGoverns the cost of renting the church on June 30th, due to the A/C not working. Motion carried. Dan will contact the McGoverns. Dan motioned to approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for the potential replacement of the RTU if needed, from the Building Fund, or from operation funds if less. Motion carried.

Other items: Kristine asked the board if it was all right to offer to have the spring YAC meeting here. Board agreed.

Next meeting's monitor: Scott Wise.