

East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

August 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:05 A.M. on Sunday, August 10, 2014, at East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, the Board Chair presiding and the Secretary being present.

Present: Jason McCann, Nancy Tozer, Mary Bender, Justin Simons, Maggie Calkins, Halcon Domanski, Dick Hurwitz, Rev. Denis Letourneau Paul, Kristine Burkwood, Rochelle Luckwitz

Absent: None.

Guests: Lynne Killgore and Jerie Green.

Maggie Calkins gave a reading and Jason McCann lit the chalice.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Mary Bender to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2014 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business:

1 – Upcoming rental events

Rental coordinator Jerie Green reports that the church will be hosting a Shakthi Paramasivam firewalker event on September 18, 2014 and wish to serve alcohol.

There will be a Blue Sky Folk Jam Fund Raiser event held by the Northeast Ohio Musical Heritage Association on September 27, 2014 from 4 – 9 pm. NEOMHA requests the board's permission to serve alcohol at this event. NEOMHA will acquire all necessary permits and be responsible for securing and paying for any required law enforcement presence.

A motion was made by Dick Hurwitz to allow the Shakthi Paramasivam firewalker event to serve alcohol and allow NEOMHA to sell alcohol at the September 27, 2014 event so long as they secure all necessary permits and law enforcement presence. The motion was seconded and approved with two abstentions.

Reports:

A – Chair:

Report attached.

B – Minister:

Report attached.

C – Religious Education

Report attached.

The August 24 “Not Just For Parents” annual RE meeting will feature a version of “Jeopardy” with Rev. Denis in the role of host.

D – Membership Committee

Jason McCann is in possession of the list of members who have not made a financial contribution of record in the previous 12 months and will be reviewing it to ascertain those who might need a waiver or other consideration before board action.

Membership now stands at 204 members.

E – Treasurer

Report attached.

F – Financial Secretary

Report was unavailable from Power Church at meeting time. Mary Bender reports that accounts are doing well at the beginning of the fiscal year.

G – Finance Committee

1 – Paying for the changes to the coat closet room is being discussed by Finance Committee. Questions were raised by Board members about why a permanent architectural change was made by the Decorating Committee without consulting the Board. The Board determined that it will develop a new policy to make it more clear about changes that need to come to the Board before occurring.

2 – HVAC system problems have been considered by the Board. Finance Committee currently recommends replacing the 1 unit that is non-functional. Monies can be found in the current budget for that. RE expressed serious concerns about heat in the RE wing this winter.

There was discussion in the Finance Committee, although no resolution, regarding replacing the entire HVAC system with a Geothermal HVAC system. While significantly more expensive, it may be easier to attract grant money to pay for such a system. Further quotes for both the replacement of the 1 unit and the full HVAC system were requested by the Board.

The Finance Committee will continue to investigate all options for replacement of HVAC system, financing such a system, and make preparations for approaching the congregation regarding a capital campaign to finance all of this, if necessary.

H – Stewardship Committee

Vice Chair Nancy Tozer has set a goal of having a Stewardship Chair in place for approval at the September meeting.

Unfinished Business

1 – Open Committee Chairs

Still looking for a Social Justice Chairperson. Nancy Tozer will take lead in developing idea for Communications Committee.

2 – HVAC

Discussed during Finance.

3 – Telephone Systems

Jason McCann will continue to work with Halcyon Domanski and Rev. Denis to bring phone system up to snuff.

4 – Refrigerator Lock

Nancy Tozer is working on this issue and it should be resolved shortly.

5 – Key Distribution and organization

Jason McCann is formulating a plan to make sure the keys are distributed appropriately.

New Business (continued)

2– Communications Committee

Discussed during Unfinished Business (Open Committee Chairs.)

3 – Board Photos

Jason McCann and Pat McGovern expressed interest in reviving the old practice of having a “Members of the Board” Photo frame displayed in the Narthex. We will move forward with taking photos and re-hanging the frame in the coming months.

The Board recessed it’s meeting at 10:07am. It expected to reconvene at 1:30pm at the home of Dick Hurwitz prior to the commencement of the Board Retreat.

The Board came back from recess at 1:47pm at the home of Dick Hurwitz, all members previously mentioned were present.

4 – Board Highlights

After discussing various options for distribution of the Board “highlights,” it was decided that a “bullet point” format was appropriate for the “space challenged” newsletter but that more extensive highlights be produced for the website and list-serv.

5 – Ministerial Startup

After discussion of several dates, it was decided to inform Evin Carvill-Ziemer that Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20 would be the best dates for the

“Ministerial Startup” program that OMD believes it would be best for the Board to participate in.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McGovern, Board Secretary

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 12:15 p.m.

Centering: Justin Simons

Monitor: Halcyon Domanski

Attachments:

Chair Report

Minister’s Report

R.E. Report

Treasurer’s Report