

**East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 14, 2016**

Attendance: Dan Bond, Kristine Burkwood, Bill Butler, Halcyon Domanski, Tiffany Griffith, Kathleene Huntley, Dick Hurwitz, Pam Leininger, Rev. Denis Paul, Eric Waldman
Absent : Nancy Tozer

Guests: Shirley Hairston (Finance), Sharon Waite

The August meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by vice chair Tiffany Griffith.

Secretary's Report: Dick made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting as presented. Pam seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

Reports:

Chair: attached

Minister: attached

DRE: attached

Membership: We still need a membership chairperson. Basic needs are being met by the membership committee. Our membership number stands at 165.

Treasurer: attached Dan reported that he, Eric, and Mary Bender would be meeting to get the Power Church program up to date. The reports are presently not reflecting proper cash flow.

Dan has tracked all checks since 2014. \$3,544.80 is the correct present balance as of today. All members spending money are advised to be as frugal as possible.

Financial Secretary: Eric reported that this is not available at this meeting due to email difficulties.

Finance: The Finance Committee is in the process of establishing parameters for access of the Building Fund. Basically, all ongoing expenses come from the church budget and most long term one time expenses can possibly come from the Building Fund.

The outlets in the kitchen are not GFI compliant. Martin and Shirley's husband can make the necessary changes. Cost will be about \$500.00

Dan made a motion that the GFI installation will come from the Building Fund. Eric seconded. The motion passed.

We presently have a gap between our church budgeted expenses and our income from Stewardship. The loss of our Preschool Rental will widen this gap.

Committee on Ministry: We still need to complete one of our four planned workshops. Kaaren Biggin is now the convener of the Committee on Ministry.

Unfinished Business: The July Action plan was reviewed.

Eric and Dan will talk to Ribelli Landscaping about snow plowing less of our parking lot.

Mowing with volunteers Bill Butler and Don Adamson will begin. Mowers should be encouraged to wear ear and eye protection.

Nancy has someone in mind to help with the new volunteer sign up charts.

Tiffany and Denis will be meeting to plan an Emergency Preparedness Policy. They hope to present the plan at September board meeting.

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New Business:

Board Highlights were reviewed and accepted for publication in the Beacon.

Lynne Killgore has requested to have voter registration cards available in the narthex. Cards will be available for distribution and will be politically neutral.

Eric made a motion to allow distribution of cards in the narthex. Pam seconded.

Discussion:

Cards available only for distribution.

This process will remain politically neutral.

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ohio Faith Coalition for Nondiscrimination: Rev. Denis asks for the board's permission to give our support for this coalition which supports nondiscrimination protection for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals.

Dan made a motion to authorize Rev. Denis or Board Chair Nancy Tozer to give our congregation's support for the Ohio Faith Coalition for Nondiscrimination.

Kathleene seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

Kitchen: Our church kitchen is a Lake County licensed kitchen at this time. There are some pros and cons to this. There is a question concerning the value of continuing to license our church kitchen. No other churches in the area are listed as licensed kitchens. A church is exempt from licensing as long as there is no more than one outside event per month.

Discussion:

Pros: 1. This might be a selling point for our facility.

2. We could lease the kitchen out to a caterer or other professional

- Cons: 1.Licensing requires rigid rules and inspections.
2. Members feel that they are unwelcome in the kitchen and don't know the rules.
3. Licensing requires a fee.

Our guest, Sharon Waite, commented that the kitchen feels like an unwelcome place to many in our congregation and people are not comfortable volunteering there. This item is tabled until the next meeting. The action plan is for Dan to get some information from the inspector and discuss this with our Kitchen chairs, Carole Clement. and Marten Schreiber.

Board members were appointed to serve as liaisons to standing committees as follows:

Committee on Ministry: Tiffany Griffith

Religious Education : Kristine Burkwood

Finance: Dan Bond

Membership Pam Leininger

Social Justice: Bill Butler

Building and Grounds :Bill Butler

Care:Dick Hurwitz

Nominating; Kathleene Huntley

Worship Arts: Kristine Burkwood

Text Communication:

Dick Hurwitz made a motion that the ESUUC Board approves in concept the development of a system on communication with members via text message; and further, that the Care Committee, working with Ken Schmidt, is charged with the development of such a system and presentation to the board at a future date. Dan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Many people now rely on text messages and check them more frequently than email. Using text to inform and get responses from the membership may be a better way of communication for many people.

A vote was taken and the motion passed with one abstention.

Sunday Service Welcome Schedule

September 4th Kathleene Huntley

September 11 Bill Butler

September 18 Eric Waldman

September 25 Dan Bond

The next meeting will be on September 11 at 1:30.

Dick Hurwitz will monitor.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:58

Respectfully submitted, Pam Leininger, Board Secretary

